Village's Voice

April 2, 2020

COVID-19 UPDATE

Key information:

Bald Head

Island

- Update on the number of COVID-19 cases in Brunswick County
- Measures all should be taking to prevent the spread
- What you should do if you become symptomatic on BHI
- Reminders and updates on receiving packages and mail on BHI

The total number of positive COVID-19 cases in Brunswick County is now 22. While so far, all Brunswick County's positive tests have some relation to travel, there is evidence of positive cases due to community spread in North Carolina and the surrounding counties. That poses a serious threat to everyone regardless of where they are located or if they have any domestic or international travel history.

To best protect yourself and others, you are strongly urged to remain at home as much as possible through April 29, 2020, and to limit your travel for only the essentials like visiting the market and the Island Package Center/Post Office. Even if it is permitted in Governor Roy Cooper's Executive Order 121, you should limit your travel.

The Governor's Order directs people to stay at home except to visit essential businesses, to exercise outdoors or to help a family member. Specifically, the order bans gatherings of more than 10 people and directs everyone to physically stay at least six feet apart from others. Following these rules and moderating your activity to only what is necessary is vital to making the stay

at home order effective and to protect the health and safety of yourself and others.

What you should do if you become symptomatic on BHI

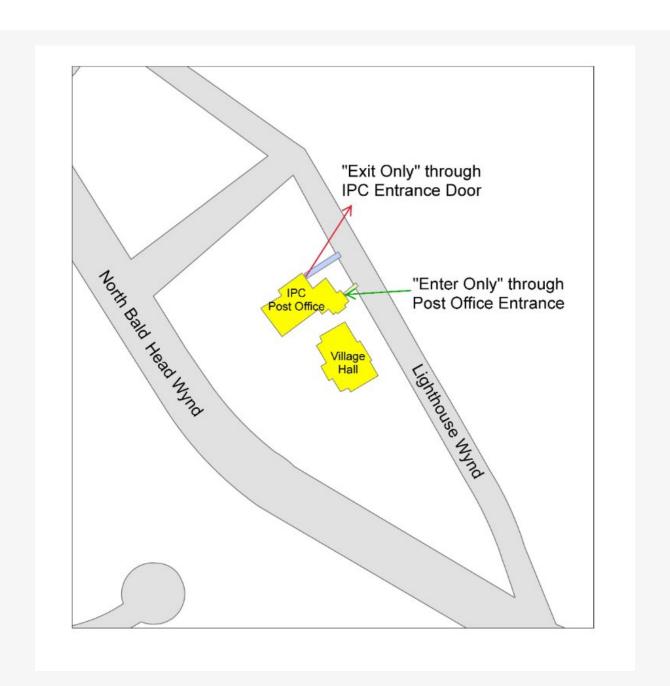
If you are on Bald Head Island and are <u>symptomatic</u> for COVID-19 please stay at your home and contact your primary care provider. If you have been told by a physician that you need to be tested, please call 911. As always, tell the 911 operator that you are on Bald Head Island. This will ensure that if you are symptomatic and in need of testing that Public Safety can coordinate your care with the least amount of exposure to others. If you think you are sick, please do not come directly to the Public Safety building. If you do not have a primary care provider in the area and you are symptomatic, **please call 911**.

The Village has protocols in place to ensure that known or suspected cases will be isolated and appropriate precautions are taken by Public Safety Officers. The Village is following CDC, NC Department of Health & Human Services (NCDHHS), and County Health Service guidelines.

Receiving Packages & Mail During COVID-19 Event

If you are on Bald Head Island, we want to remind you that you have been asked to cancel orders for non-essential items and to order only items that are essential, such as medicine. Perishable items should also be limited only to medicine and essential items (no food, please) as there is limited space. To improve the drive-through operations at the Island Package Center/Post Office we are requesting that islanders display their Post Office Box number in the windshield of their golf cart. Please pull up as close as you can to the IPC/PO without getting within the 6 feet of other islanders.

Below is a map of the designated entrance and exit at the IPC/PO, reminders for everyone, and some tips for social distancing,



MAINTAIN YOUR SOCIAL DISTANCE WHEN PICKING UP MAIL AND PACKAGES AT THE POST OFFICE & IPC!!!!!!!!

Important Messages from Village Post Office/IPC

- Property Owners and Businesses need to cancel non-essential deliveries
- Shipments should be limited to those that are critical including medicine/prescriptions
- Perishables should also be limited to items of necessity as there is limited space to hold them
- Renters should NOT be on island per the Stay At Home order and Village State of Emergency Evacuation order
- The Village concern is not having enough resources to respond to COVID19 and other services including Mail and package deliveries

SOCIAL DISTANCING

HAVE TO GO OUT? Keep 6 feet of distance between you and others whenever possible.

WHY DOES IT MATTER? It can help limit the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

WHAT IS IT? Remaining out of congregate settings, avoiding large crowds & gatherings.



RESOURCES

Brunswick County Coronavirus Info NC Dept. of Health & Human Servcies

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

Municipal Toolkit

Village FAQs

COVID-19 Ferry Info

Economic Aid Resources

NC Governor's Stay-At-Home Order BHI Amended SOE Proclamation

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