

Bald
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Village's Voice

A NEWSLETTER FOR BALD HEAD ISLAND PROPERTY OWNERS



March 19, 2020

Good afternoon,

The Village of Bald Head Island Mayor, with the support of Village Council, has declared a State of Emergency which includes a Voluntary Evacuation for the Village of Bald Head Island with the following orders, prohibitions, and restrictions:

- 1) **Discontinuance of All Short-term Rental Operations:** All rental agencies and property owners that rent properties on Bald Head Island are instructed to have all current renters, for a rental period of less than three (3) months duration, and their invitees vacate the premises and leave the Island by not later than 2 PM on Sunday, March 22, 2020. Effective immediately, there will be no new rental occupancies of any nature or duration allowed on the Island.
- 2) **Restricted Access:** Only property owners and residents, business owners and their respective employees and contractors, and municipal employees and contractors shall be admitted to the island after 6:00 PM today, March 19, 2020.
- 3) **Village Operations:** The Village Manager, Assistant Manager or their designee are hereby authorized to take all lawful actions necessary to manage the Village during this State of Emergency, including, without limitation, procuring goods and services necessary to manage this emergency and adjustment of hours, access, and operation of all Village-owned facilities, parks, and government operations as deemed reasonably necessary to restrict

the spread of COVID-19 and protect Island residents, the public and municipal employees.

Unless and until further notice is given, these restrictions will remain in place through Thursday April 30, 2020. **A copy of the full proclamation can be viewed [HERE](#).**

This decision was made in response to [guidelines from the CDC](#) to avoid discretionary travel. While this situation is inconvenient and may impose financial impacts, this decision was made to protect the health and safety of everyone and to limit the spread of COVID-19.

Property owners who have second homes on the island, who may be considering coming to the island for a “safe haven” should also consider the CDC guidelines as well as these other factors:

- The risk you are taking by exposing yourself and your family while traveling to the island, especially on the ferry which is running at limited capacity because of COVID-19.
- The location of your primary care doctor if you or your family should become ill while on the island.
- The difficulty involved in transporting those who are sick off the island to receive medical care.
- The limited emergency medical resources on the island and the impact additional people have on these resources.
- What could happen if the supply chain is interrupted limiting supplies to the island.
- Businesses and services shutting down. Several island businesses have temporarily closed because of COVID-19, such as the cart repair shops and Riverside Adventure Company.
- Not all island restaurants are providing take out or delivery. NC has also prohibited outdoor dining.

If you are leaving the island, please make sure you make reservations with Bald Head Island Transportation as you are leaving. Do not wait to make your decision or reservation. This will ensure that there are not too many people in one area at a time.

COVID-19 Webpage - The Village updated its current website and has added a COVID-19 webpage that provides links on where to receive additional information on COVID-19, hotline numbers, and a link to sign up for communications from our local public health officials at Brunswick

County. Go to the Village website [HERE](#) and click on Emergencies in the upper right-hand corner to access the webpage.

Village Council Meeting – The Village Council meeting for this Friday will be available online via “Go to Meeting.” The work session and regular meeting will be held back-to-back. Here are the details:

March 20th Village Council Meeting

Fri, Mar 20, 2020 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (EDT) – The meeting officially begins at 9:45 AM.

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Thank you,



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