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A NEWSLETTER FOR BALD HEAD ISLAND PROPERTY OWNERS

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Brunswick County Update

Yesterday, the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners declared a [State of Emergency](#) for the unincorporated areas of the County. The number of cases in the County, as of this writing, is at ten (10) positive cases. The County is waiting on 184 pending test results. All ten cases have some connection to travel.

It should also be noted that positive cases are reported to the patient's county of origin and count toward that county's case count. This was the case with a person from [Cleveland County, North Carolina](#) who was vacationing on a Brunswick County beach and had traveled in another area before coming to Brunswick County. The patient tested positive at a health care provider in Brunswick County. The patient is still in Brunswick County and is in isolation and being monitored by the Cleveland County Health Department remotely.

North Carolina Update

Yesterday, Village officials participated in a conference call with Governor Cooper and other North Carolina municipal partners.

Key messages:

- The estimated number of NC COVID-19 cases requiring hospitalization is 20% with 5% of those requiring critical care.

- The State has approximately 2,000 requests from local governments, many of which are for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- The State is scrambling to get PPE which is needed to test and treat COVID-19, there are supply chain issues across the board.
- [CDC testing guidance has changed](#) – now mainly testing severely sick, high risk and essential healthcare workers.
- Encouraging social distancing, telework, proper hygiene, etc. to flatten the curve.
- COVID-19 is impacting our mental health and economy.
- Ramping up efforts of getting care in the safest setting possible.
- If you are sick, stay home call your doctor, go from there.

At today's news conference, Governor Cooper was asked if he would be issuing a "shelter in place" order. He did not say yes or no, but that additional orders from the State will be forthcoming.

Village Operations

Island Package Center & Post Office (IPC/PO) - Thank you for your responses to the Village's survey regarding IPC/PO services, if you are on the island and still have not filled out the survey please do so now [CLICK HERE](#). We will be finalizing our plans for a delivery system and getting the word out about that soon.

For the time being, please limit shipments to those that are critical to your needs and cancel any unnecessary shipments that have already been made. Perishables should also be limited to items of necessity as there is limited space to hold them. We are currently training additional staff to assist in the IPC/PO, thank you for your patience with this process.

Public Works - The Village will not be doing mattress pick-ups at this time, this will resume at a later date, and we will notify you.

General Information - Please be aware that [cyber-attacks and scams](#) are on the rise during COVID-19, be careful.

If you have a general question, please call 910-457-9700 ext. 1025 or email public.information@villagebhi.org. Please do not call Public Safety (the 5252 number) for general questions and if you have an emergency, please call 911. Do not come to the Public Safety building under any circumstance, unless you have been told to do so. We do not want to risk the infection of any of our essential first responders or their staff.

Please continue to use the resources below.

RESOURCES

Brunswick
County
Coronavirus Info

NC Dept. of
Health & Human
Services

Centers for
Disease Control
& Prevention

Municipal Toolkit

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