

Bald  
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Island

# Village's Voice

A NEWSLETTER FOR BALD HEAD ISLAND PROPERTY OWNERS



March 26, 2020

## COVID-19 UPDATE

### **Emergency Council Meeting**

The Village Council has called an Emergency Meeting for tomorrow, March 27, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Multi-Purpose Room. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss COVID-19 and Village actions. There will also be a Closed Session. Since there will be limited room capacity for social distancing, those interested in attending should attend remotely.

Please use the following to access the meeting:

**Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.**

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**Access Code:** 280-968-501

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## **Shelter in Place Orders**

Shelter in place orders have been issued in some of North Carolina's largest cities including Charlotte and Durham. Wake County announced its shelter in place order [this afternoon](#). The orders vary from place to place but most of them include a ban on gatherings of more than a few people and the closing of certain non-essential businesses. Most people are told not to leave home unless they need to for specific trips like going to the grocery store or pharmacy. There is a likelihood that at some point Governor Cooper will issue a [shelter in place order for the entire state](#).

The United States is on day 10 of the [CDC's 15-day plan](#) to slow the spread of coronavirus. The guidance remains the same, **Americans are to avoid discretionary travel**. All 11 cases of COVID-19 in Brunswick County are travel-related. The folks who were traveling were not symptomatic when they began traveling but later became sick.

The Village is still requesting that second home property owners reconsider any plans to travel to Bald Head Island until the current travel guidance any shelter in place orders are lifted, for the following reasons:

- 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 ferry capacity is now down to 45 passengers.**
- 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 Village still cannot administer COVID-19 tests and the likelihood of having access to them has decreased over time.
- 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.
- Several businesses and services on the island are closed and others may have to if there is a State-wide shelter in place order. The following island businesses have temporarily closed because of COVID-19: Island Hardware (for two weeks), Turtle Central, Old Baldy, Sandpiper Coffee, Delphina Cantina, Riverside Adventures, Cary Cart Company, Island Retreat & Spa, Bald Head Blues, Coastal Urge, Shoals Club, and the BHI Club's main

clubhouse dining venues. The Village Chapel has also suspended services through April 30, and the BHA has canceled all social activities.

### **Village Operations**

Village offices remain open, though we encourage all to use email or phone contact whenever possible instead of coming to us.

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](mailto: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.

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## **RESOURCES**

Brunswick  
County  
Coronavirus Info

NC Dept. of  
Health & Human  
Services

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Disease Control  
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