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COVID-19 Update #17
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As we are reaching the peak period of COVID-19 spread in Palm Beach County, the Town is continuing a public education campaign on the importance of staying at home, and wearing of face coverings if you must go out in public places. This is for your protection and those around you. You may encounter Police Officers over the weekend distributing educational flyers around town while practicing social distancing in an effort to help protect our community. If you receive a flyer, we ask that you share this information with your family and friends over the phone to help spread the word.

As the Federal Government releases information to the public regarding Guidelines for Opening America Again, I want to assure the residents of Ocean Ridge that although we are not ready to open our town yet, we are reviewing data on a daily basis with our regional partners in order to make informed decisions moving forward. We ask that you remain vigilant and patient as we work through these delicate procedures, as our goal is and always will be the safety of our residents.

Important COVID-19 updates and information from several sources are available for review on the Town's website.

Please continue to follow social distancing guidelines and wash your hands frequently. We're in this together. Stay home for us, so we can be here for you.

Tracey L. Stevens, Town Manager

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See Document Attached

Can I still go for a walk, run under stay at home orders? Should I wear a mask?

With 42 states issuing stay-at-home orders, many Americans are wondering if it is still safe to go outside. Experts say yes, under these circumstances.

Can I go for a walk under shelter-in-place or stay-at-home orders?

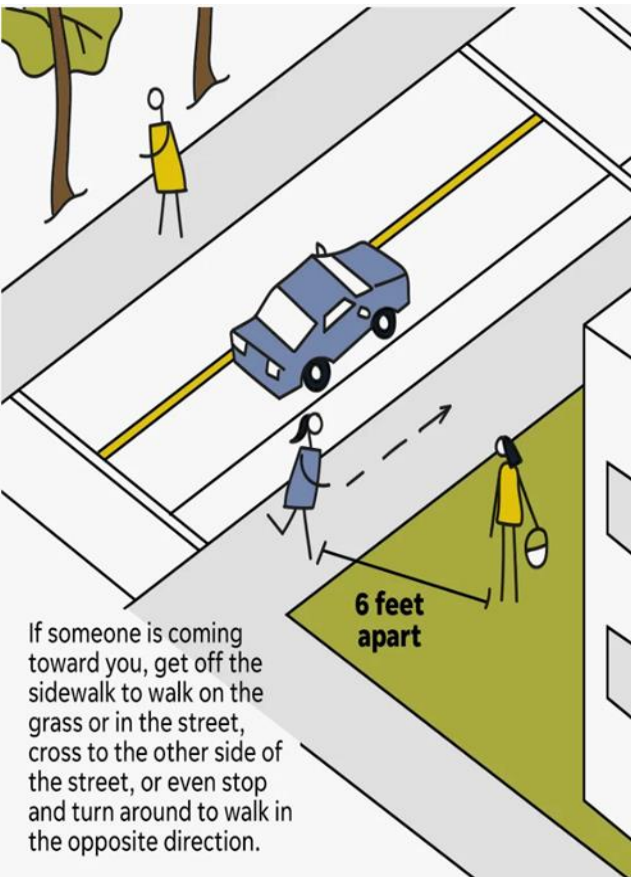
Yes, medical experts say, under certain circumstances. If you have symptoms including coughing, fever or shortness of breath, you should avoid going out for any reason.

People venturing outside should also be wearing masks in public places to help blunt the spread of the virus. That means staying at least 6 feet away from people who are not in your immediate household.

It's also recommended you bring hand sanitizer in case you have to touch something while you're out.

Family walks

When walking in a group (only people in your household), be ready to shift to single file quickly. Most paths are not wide enough to stay 6 feet away from a four-person group walking side by side.



Do I need a mask if I am running or biking?

Some of the guidance around masks has said it is not necessary to wear one while you are exercising alone, but in most areas, it's likely you'll cross paths with someone while you're out.



Runners and bikers should avoid spitting on the sidewalk and near others while exercising. As Always, bikers should ride in the street with the flow of traffic instead of on the sidewalk to give pedestrians ample space. People should avoid looking only at their phones and keep their eyes on their surroundings. Do not walk in the middle of the street to let others pass. Instead, find a safe alternative route.

