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COVID-19 Update #8 March 30, 2020 at 10:00 AM

As COVID-19 cases begin to soar, Palm Beach County Officials issued new orders effective immediately directing the **Stay Home – Stay Safe: Safer at Home Policy**. The new orders closed all public and private parks, community association parks, and all community pools. The order strongly urges people to stay home other than for critical activities such as taking care of their health and safety, obtaining necessary supplies, to care for a family member, to engage in only minimum activities necessary to conduct minimum basic operations or to patronize critical businesses, and to engage in daily outdoor exercise that complies with CDC social distancing guidelines.

These are hard decisions and they are inconvenient, but necessary. Please take the extra effort to follow the recommendations in order to remain healthy, and to keep those around you healthy. We need everyone's help in spreading the word and setting the example that this is getting serious, and if voluntary compliance is not achieved with these new orders, the County may issue stronger orders in the future mandating as opposed to urging in order to protect the public. Remember that stricter measures will come with a price tag because the cost of enforcement comes from taxpayer dollars.

A new COVID-19 testing site is opening at FITTEAM Ballpark on Haverhill Road on Tuesday. Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should call 561-642-1000 between 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to make an appointment for testing. Please do not present yourself for testing without an appointment, as you will not be seen.

We will continue to update the public with new developments as things progress. Please visit the Town's website to view all COVID-19 updates and information from several sources, as information is updated and posted frequently. And as always, the best source of information on COVID-19 can be found at www.cdc.gov or www.flhealth.org.

Remember, it is your moral and societal responsibility to stay home and help flatten the curve.

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