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Madeira Beach Responds to “Safer at Home” Order from County

MADEIRA BEACH, FL – The City of Madeira Beach has initiated procedures for complying with Pinellas County’s “Safer at Home” order. The resolution, approved by the Pinellas County Commission on Wednesday, is designed to strengthen the effort to protect the public health by encouraging people to stay home. It also requires all Pinellas County businesses to enforce Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations for workers and customers.

“We have reached a critical point in the battle against the Coronavirus and now is the time act,” said City Manager Bob Daniels. “Pinellas County has issued its “Safer at Home” order, so the time of ignoring the reality that this virus is dangerous and ignoring the advice of the experts is over. Stay home, go out only if you have too and practice social distancing. Failure to do this now will result in all of us having to deal with this health emergency a lot longer than we want to.”

The CDC recommends everyone follow the social distancing guidelines and capacity restrictions by maintaining at least 6-feet of separation between individuals and to gather in groups of less than 10. The Pinellas County Commission’s resolution has the support of Pinellas County Sheriff, Bob Gualtieri, who told the commission he believes everyone, including businesses need to do more.

“In order for us not to have to take this to a new level, you all need to step up. You need to help us help you, because across the board it is not being done right. There is absolutely room in this community, there is absolutely room in this region for people to do more and do it better than what we’re doing today.”

Beginning at noon on Friday the City of Madeira Beach will be reducing staffing to essential operations only. Those essential operations include the Fire Department/EMS service, garbage collection, the City Manager’s office, fuel service at the Marina, and a skeleton crew at Public Works to respond to emergencies. Additional staff are required to remain available on an on-call basis.

City Manager Bob Daniels has directed staff to prepare for a shelter in place environment including designating essential staff who will remain in place at city facilities during normal business hours, who will work from home and who will be designated for assignment to different departments. Areas that will see a change in levels of service include:

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- All public beaches and the parking lots will remain closed until further notice
- The Recreation Complex and playground at ROC Park is closed until further notice
- The Madeira Beach Marina Boat ramp and ship's store will be closed. Fuel dock will remain open with room for up to two boats at a time
- City Hall will remain closed to public access until further notice. Any correspondence or deliveries can be placed in a drop box at the main entrance
- A list of local restaurants that remain open with take-out or delivery service in Madeira Beach is available in the city's website at www.madeirabeachfl.gov/covid-19
- Governor Ron DeSantis directs the Florida Surgeon General to issue a Public Health Advisories for the following:
 - Urging all persons 65 years of age and older to stay home
 - Urging all persons with underlying health conditions to stay home
 - Against all social or recreational gatherings of 10 people or more
 - Encouraging those who can work from home to do so

For more information, contact Curt Preisser, City of Madeira Beach Public Information Officer at 727-391-9951 x299 or cpreisser@madeirabeachfl.gov.

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