

Dear Residents and Neighbors,

The confirmed COVID-19 daily case rate in Florida continues to decrease. Our zip code report still shows 3 confirmed cases of COVID 19 and the death rate for Brevard County remains at nine. We have been truly fortunate in this first wave and want to thank everyone for being so cautious and positive in doing your part. Last Friday on May 15th, Governor Ron DeSantis declared the state of Florida was ready to go from **Initial Phase 1 to Full Phase 1** for Reopening Florida. Please read through the State of Florida's recently updated <u>Full Phase 1 – Click Here</u>. It contains a lot of good data and information as we plan for Aquarina.

## Things to note:

- 1. Long Term Facilities present a significant risk for everyone. These facilities house a high number of vulnerable people, in confined spaces with a lot of interaction through the care providers and visitors.
- 2. Testing continues to increase in Florida
- 3. Positive case rates and death rates continue to decrease
- 4. Florida, as a state has significantly lower cases and deaths than many states. The reasons why are most likely multifaceted including:
  - a. Good compliance to Stay at Homes orders
  - b. The built-in overflow capacity in our healthcare facilities, related to annual preparation for snowbird populations
  - c. Closing down (quarantining) very early in the outbreak
  - d. The climate allowing for more safe outdoor activity rather than being confined with others in close quarters that occurs in cold climates. Studies on whether warmer temperatures directly discourage the growth and/or spread of the coronavirus are on going
- 5. Conclusion: Florida seems to be a pretty good place to weather through this pandemic or perhaps we were just lucky for wave 1. Most likely it's some of both.
- 6. Recommendation: Now is NOT the time to get complacent as we are most likely having a bit of reprieve before we experience a wave 2 later this year.

## **Open Issues**:

## Open Houses

We have approved open houses to resume once again in Aquarina. Under the early Stay at Home orders and in keeping with the Florida Real Estate professional associations, open houses for homes sales were voluntarily moved to virtual platforms. There was very good compliance with that request, and we'd like to thank owners and real estate agents for doing so. The Florida Real Estate professional organizations are now supporting open houses as long as the realtors and owners follow the CDC social distancing.

https://www.floridarealtors.org/news-media/news-articles/2020/03/latest-information-coronavirusrealtors-florida

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## Fully Reopening Aquarina Facilities

The COVID 19 Task Force is in the process of evaluating when and how to safely reopen: The Gym, Community Center, Beach Club House and dining inside the Brassie. There are guidelines that we must follow, and Brevard County will continue to be surveyed for compliance. We hope to have additional information and plans by next week. One thing is certain, having safe environments for all of us to live, work, and play is highly dependent on all of us being smart and making the safest decisions.

Stay safe, be smart and act responsibly. The risks you take could be critical to your own well-being and the well-being of others.

Respectfully,

Aquarina Community Services Association, Inc. Board of Directors https://aquarinabeachandcountryclub.com/covid-19/