

Please Stay Vigilant!
NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO RELAX!

Florida is seeing an increase in COVID-19 cases throughout the state. Zip codes for our area are showing daily increases in those testing positive for COVID-19. Hospitalizations are up in Marion County.

Due to Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requirements, the Marion County Health Department nor medical practitioners are allowed to release medical information about their clients. OTOW does not have specific knowledge of the number of residents who may be or have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. OTOW has made residents aware of cases where close contact or positive outcomes are known and will continue to do so unless the information comes to us after the quarantine time has elapsed or we cannot verify the factuality. We are working to keep residents informed so that you stay vigilant for your safety and the safety of others.

It cannot be emphasized enough how important it is to follow **safety protocols—stay home if you are sick (or quarantine if exposed to someone positive or traveled from a location with substantial community spread), practice social distancing of at least 6 ft., avoid large crowds, wear a face mask, and wash your hands or use hand sanitizer regularly.**

If you have any concerns regarding your health or are having symptoms, please contact your healthcare provider or the Marion County Health Department. The health department offers free COVID-19 testing by appointment (352-644-2590). You do not need to be experiencing symptoms to be tested. Testing is also available at many other local medical providers, including urgent care facilities; call before visiting a facility to let them know if you would like to be tested for COVID-19.

Governor DeSantis extended a **number of executive orders for the state and as a reminder:**

Responsible Individual Activity

- All persons in Florida are still encouraged to follow appropriate social distancing and safety protocols issued by the CDC and OSHA.
- Senior citizens and individuals with a significant underlying medical condition are strongly encouraged to avoid crowds and take measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19.
- All persons in Florida are encouraged to avoid congregating in groups larger than 50 persons. (In OTOW, all amenity facilities have the maximum number of persons allowed to maintain proper distancing. Please follow all safety protocols listed.)
- In-store retail businesses, including gyms and fitness centers, should maintain appropriate social distancing and sanitation protocols.

Additional Requirements for Certain Individuals Traveling to Florida

- **All persons whose point of departure originates from outside the State of Florida in an area with substantial community spread, to include the New York Tri-State Area**

(Connecticut, New Jersey and New York), are to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter...all persons covered ...under this Order to inform any individual in Florida with whom they have had direct physical contact in the past 21 days that they traveled from an area with substantial community spread.

Community management is monitoring amenities to ensure safety protocols are being followed. Please continue to follow www.otowinfo.com for updates. We may be forced to close some amenities earlier or in full, if safety protocols are not followed. These actions are to prevent an outbreak proliferation of cases in OTOW; please comply.

The Pub will reopen, Thursday, July 16th. Please comply with safety protocols. When you exit the Pub, if through the Recreation Center, masks are required. Kudos to Pub employees and RPI Management. As a result of safety protocols in place and followed, the recent contact did not expand to other employees. The Club at Candler Hills is open 11:00 am to 8:00 pm and Sid's Coffee Shop & Deli is open its normal business hours.

Locations where safety protocols are not being followed if staff is not in attendance, will be closed at the end of daytime shifts. **OTOW will be closing all pools at 7:00 pm except the Arbor Fitness which closes at 8:30 pm and 7:00 pm Sundays.** It may be necessary to close some amenities earlier or entirely, if safety protocols are not followed. Management is working hard with your help to prevent a devastating outbreak in our community.

Resident Services will close daily 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm to sanitize the lobby. Since we are utilizing ultraviolet lighting, we will not be able to make an exception to allow anyone in during that time.

Keeping our residents and employees safe during this time, has been, and will remain, the primary focus. Stay safe all!