

# Sandestin Owners Association, Inc.

## COVID19 Virus Statement

March 13, 2020

We continue to monitor the status of COVID19 (Corona Virus) and its impacts our area. As of this writing, we have no documented reports of the virus at Sandestin, within the SOA or Walton County. To that extent, we are operating as recommended by State and Federal health agencies; Florida Department of Health (DOH), Center for Disease Control (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), and the United States Department of Labor (USDOL).

All agencies generally recommend the same precautions, stay home if ill, avoid contact with sick people, practice good hygiene, avoid touching your face, and avoid unnecessary crowd gatherings and non-essential travel, particularly foreign.

According to the CDC, some steps you can take as a mitigation strategy if you are feeling ill are simple.

- Stay home if you are sick
- Contact your healthcare advisor in advance of a visit
- Limit movement in the community
- Avoid visitors

You should also create a household plan of action in case you are impacted by illness.

- Ensure you have at least a 2 week supply of your medicines
- Establish ways to communicate with family, friends, and co-workers other than face to face contact
- Know what to do about childcare needs, and how to adapt to cancellation of events or appointments

The team at Sandestin Owners Association urges you to monitor valid news media, and visit known web sites of the agencies we have listed above for the most accurate and up to date information available. If you hear information that concerns you, please validate it through the proper sources. Below are the links to Government agencies that we are monitoring.

- World Health Organization - [www.who.int](http://www.who.int)
- Center for Disease Control – [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)
- Florida Department of Health – [www.floridahealth.gov](http://www.floridahealth.gov)
- United States Department of Labor – [www.dol.gov](http://www.dol.gov)

We have developed operational plans for our staff in the event we are faced with a service reduction. Should these plans need to be implemented, we will notify you accordingly. At this time, no services provided by the SOA have been reduced. We have increased our sanitizing efforts at both SOA pool restroom facilities, and those pools remain open.

As conference and retail business is key to the commercial success of the Resort, we have also been in contact with both The Sandestin Hilton, Sandestin Investments, The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Grand Blvd, and the Market Shops regarding their action plans to ensure we all have the same message. We are prepared to work collaboratively with them to implement those plans should the need arise, and to assist them as needed.

Today, the SOA staff is not panicking, but we remain cautious. We are conducting business as usual and we encourage you to remain cautious and be prepared. It is imperative for you to understand that the only information that we receive is from the same resources that are available to you; therefore, we ask that you refer to the sources provided above for updates rather than reach out to SOA staff. We will not distribute any information that we have not proven to be factual.

If you have any questions of the SOA, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

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