

Tuesday, March 24th, 2020

Residents/Renters/Guests/Staff at Venture Out

Venture Out – COVID-19 – Planning – Phase 3

The following information is provided as an update to the COVID-19 virus at the national, state and county level. The data is derived from Center for Disease Control, daily reports, based on data current at 4 PM the prior day. In this case Sunday March 22nd, 2020. In addition, states and counties are providing timely local information.

Nationally - 42,751 (44,183) cases, 520 deaths, (569) 295 recovered, 42,936 active,
State of AZ – 234 cases, 2 deaths, new cases 82 (ranked 27th nationally)

Maricopa County – 130 cases, 2 deaths, new cases 58

Note the ‘new cases’ reported in AZ and Maricopa County.

The virus is spreading at an alarming rate with the ‘wave’ (peak acceleration) predicted to happen at some point in the coming 3 – 4 weeks.

I’m sure you have all been watching events unfold on TV and scanning the internet for detailed information, especially from the CDC, state and local health agencies.

Venture Out began our precaution and prevention plans on Friday, March 13th. Phase 1 included information on how individuals can limit exposure, sanitation and personal hygiene, along with the closure of enclosed meeting rooms and halls. Clubs were advised to cease projects and prepare for closure by Friday March 20th.

On Wednesday, March 18th we implemented phase 2, expanding closures to all open-air recreational facilities, including Pickleball, Bocce, Tennis, Horse Shoes, the Pools, Shuffleboard, etc.

In both cases our decisions were based on current information, and the recommendations from medical professionals and governmental agencies. Given that Venture Out is a senior, over 55, community, with a large percentage of residents who meet the most at risk criteria, namely persons over 65, and those with pre-existing medical conditions, that include respiratory issues, diabetes, and immune deficiency issues. All of our actions have started with a discussion on how

best to protect the health of all of our residents and most especially the most at risk population.

We understood that some residents might take exception to our actions.

Medical professionals tell us that a person can have the virus but not show symptoms for 2 – 14 days. Otherwise healthy persons may show symptoms, such as with a cold, but may recover over time. They are however capable of spreading the virus, even before the symptoms are apparent, and that could happen here.

Recent information and data indicates that we may need to put in place phase 3 planning. There are graphic representations available on the internet showing the virus spreading over the past few days, once again, at an alarming rate.

Listed below are the actions being considered as part of our phase 3 response to the spread of the virus. **These are currently not in place, but may be necessary in the near future. You will receive a notice of the date some or all will become effective.**

- Front gate access – Guest List. Limit the Guest List to care givers and relatives providing support for residents. Residents will be required to update their Guest List to only those persons providing necessary care and support.
- Bath Houses – Bath Houses will be closed.
- Contractor and delivery service will continue to be allowed. Contractors may only be at the site they are working on, or in the designated bathrooms at Tennis Courts 7 and 8. Delivery services must go directly to the home(s) they are delivering to.
- Resident surveys – We need to know who is in the park, your predicted leave date (or not). We will create a database to record the information.
- Block Captains – We are soliciting volunteers by block who can verify the survey information, and then assist with keeping the information updated.
- Food inventory – We have conducted an inventory of food stock in the freezer at the Comm Ctr.
- Emergency Medical Information Form – Using the internet we have found a very comprehensive form for you to use to record your medical and contact information. We are in the process of customizing some of the entries for locality and Venture Out. This form will be distributed to residents staying in the park. It is for your personal use only – put it on the refrigerator for easy

access by first responders, ambulance, fire, who might respond to an emergency.

- Our security staff will help direct emergency first responders to your location.

Communications – We will continue to provide updated information along with notice of when any or all of the phase 3 plans will be put into place. Please keep in mind that this is a rapidly changing and evolving situation and we need to react accordingly. I am asking for your understanding, cooperation, and patience in this difficult time.

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