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## **Covid-19 Venture Out Advisory**

Dear VO residents,

Yesterday we learned that a close relative of one of the recreation crew, was taken to the hospital in an ambulance exhibiting some of the symptoms of Covid 19. Our employee has been in contact with her sister and therefore Out of **AN ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION**, and knowing **NOTHING MORE**, we sent her and the entire recreation crew home.

The Maintenance staff went in and completely cleaned down the Post office AGAIN. We will continue to clean the post office, repeatedly.

Once we know if the relative of the crew member tested positive or not, we will or will not have the rec staff return to work. If that person tests positive, we will have the rec crew remain in home quarantine for 14 days.

We have sent staff home that show the slightest illness, so we are down to a skeleton crew. With such a light crew, we will start the summer schedule for trash pick-up next week (Tuesdays and Fridays), as the park now is about 50% occupied.

For all of you writing to me, please, stay at home. That way you are much more certain you will be OK. As people continue to go out of the park to the grocery stores, etc. there is just that much more chance that a neighbor might pick something up. Don't assume that just because someone lives in VO that they would not be exposed to this virus.

Keep your social distance at all times from people. Cut your trips to the post office in half. When you go out of your house, take a sanitizer with you. Disinfect surfaces before you touch them and disinfect your hands afterwards. Don't touch your face until you get back in the house and scrub down.

We do have group of volunteers who are organizing now, to be Block Captains and be there for additional support. I expect to get that information out this

week. We will be doing everything we can to make sure you have the supplies you need, to stay in your home. ***So please stay there.***

If you are leaving the park to go home, the rec office is closed. Drop off any unopened, NON-PERISHABLE food, in the Oasis, where it will be sanitized and collected. Just place it on the tables located outside. We will bring it inside and store it. We thank you for that. The Block Captains later will organize to re-distribute that food in the park.

The remaining staff and the volunteers are going out with an abundance of caution each day. We are using masks and gloves. We need to keep those gloves available for the staff, or it places them at a higher risk. One of our Security Staff members, Margo, made masks for everyone. She was very clever how she went about it and we thank her for doing that.

According to the CDC the COVID-19 virus seems to spreading easily and sustainably in the community. People may have the virus for 2 – 14 days before the symptoms become apparent. It is critical that everyone follow the guidelines to lower risk exposure to the virus.

On a personal note, I have a nephew who is a Doctor of Infectious Diseases at Harvard. He SHOULD be in the lab trying to find a cure for this thing, but all medical staff is on the floors of every hospital trying to take care of patients. Most of us have family members or friends who are in the Medical field. My 90-year-old father said to me last week, “Those of us who can stay home, must stay home. If not, we are selfish and putting the medical workers lives at risk”. I couldn’t have said it better, and I’m asking you, as is the Board, for the next few weeks to stay at home.

And when you see the staff members or Volunteers out there, please thank them from a distance of at least six feet

Stay isolated, stay healthy.

Thank you,  
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