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Bar openings	<p>Hi, is anyone discussing opening bars? I am a small pub owner in St. Pete Beach, I have created social distancing within my pub. I only serve craft beer and wine and at full capacity I am at 50 people now with distancing about 20-25. Bars were the first to close and just forgotten. I have bills just like all other businesses. I have installed touchless sinks in bathroom, repainted, have sanitizer stations on order. I am following all the rules. I have also been approved for some outdoor seating. I am not a big place.</p> <p>I can guarantee you my bar packed, is less crowded than a movie theater or a bowling alley. The irony is that I am next to a hair salon and have far less contact with my customers.</p> <p>A little help please.</p> <p>Thank you, Lynn Walker owner Shaded Keg Pub</p>	Lynn Walker Rovira	750 13th Ave North	St. Pete	33701	7276564544	lynnwalker07@gmail.com	2020-05-19 18:14:18
Reopen Condo Pools	<p>Our HOA has taken the ability you gave them to deny access to our pool, the only amenity our community has, to an extreme. The HOA is using this opportunity to punish young families and children in our community with the hopes of driving them out! Until only a few days ago, the HOA has been calling Clearwater Police to enforce HOA decrees and intimate residents (a practice only now ended by Chief Slaughter). CPD has been dragged out crying children and screaming parents for trespassing on their own property! With so many in our community out of work, our money is precious but the HOA keeps collecting. With schools closed, our children are home with nothing to do. Can we go to the beach? If you get their early enough and pay, but we're paying every month to NOT have to go to the beach.</p> <p>Please, end the HOA exemption on pools and let us reopen NOW!</p>	Ted Reinhard	837-A N Keene Rd	Clearwater	33755	7274159377	travelnted@gmail.com	2020-05-19 16:26:45
Pinellas County Covid regulation re: swimming pools	<p>Please clarify the current regulation regarding public swimming pools and swimming pools in 55 + Communities. Are swimming pools, both private and within HOAs limited to residents only? Or in the case of a 55 plus community, may the residents visitors who are staying with them allowed in the pool. Thank you</p>	Mary Ann Miller	130 Patricia Ave Lot 9	Dunedin	34698	215-479-1910	maryannmiller1962@gmail.com	2020-05-19 16:24:49
Cares Act for Rental Assistance due to Covid-19	<p>Good afternoon Commissioners, I won't take much of your time.</p> <p>I have 6 residents who have applied for rental assistance. They are getting worried, most of them keep in touch with 211 & our office. They have expressed concern that they get told application is in final review - then receive a call we need any document, some are been told give use another 2 weeks.</p> <p>Our office sent our emails, as soon as you announced the information during your meeting, so my residents jumped on trying to get assistance. This program seems to about as good as our State employment in the people not getting correct up to date information on their application. This is conerning to me.</p> <p>My community is a tax credit community built in 2011 for low to moderate income families, these are the citizens that were hit hard with this pandemic. The Lodges at Pinellas Park 6781 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park. I have been the Manager since we opened & it hurts to hear my residents voice and to see them cry is hard. I hope that someone can follow up with me on this matter.</p>	Tammy Hicks	6781 Park Blvd	Pinellas Park	33781	727-544-4401	lodgesatpinellaspark@verizon.net	2020-05-19 16:00:57
Policies Regarding COVID-19	<p>May 19, 2020</p> <p>As a group of concerned physicians who live and vote in Pinellas County, we would encourage you to address key medical issues to control the spread of COVID-19. We realize there are many financial, educational, and economic issues, however this is basically a medical problem which affects these other areas.</p> <p>We are concerned that the medical issues are not being given sufficient attention to bring this medical disease under control and will result in even more serious economic problems.</p> <p>There are 5 critical areas that must be addressed and these are discussed below. We appreciate your attention to these and hope they can be incorporated into policies and part of your strategy to address the medical welfare of our citizens.</p> <p>Hygiene – effective hand washing several times a day especially when you go in and out of a group environment, after handling new packages or objects, before and after eating, and several times a day. If hand washing is not available use hand-sanitizers. It is important to disinfect high-touch surfaces at least daily. Solutions of Clorox or 70% + isopropyl alcohol are effective.</p> <p>Distancing – Use the 6 foot distance rule between individuals to prevent infecting others. Transmission has been shown that the spread of infected droplets is variable and loud talking, singing, and sneezing can propel droplets 20 feet or more which emphasizes the importance of masks in preventing spread. There is an advantage to being outdoors where there is a more rapid exchange of air compared to confinement in a room or elevator.</p> <p>Screening – Some of the common symptoms include fever, cough, loss of smell and many other symptoms. If COVID-19 is suspected testing is advised by a reliable lab and directed by your doctor. Your doctor should be contacted if you are concerned by any symptoms. If you test positive and are doing well, self-quarantine is advised. If you test negative a repeat test in several days is recommended. Self-quarantine should be for at least 7 days from the onset of symptoms and free of fever and improving for at least 3 days. Follow your doctor's recommendations. It is suspected that many are infected by the virus and do not develop any or very mild symptoms. This is one reason that universal wearing of a mask is recommended to prevent asymptomatic individuals from infecting other.</p> <p>Masks – The main reason to wear a mask is to prevent the spread of the disease and along with distancing and hygiene are essential</p>	Thomas Gadacz, MD	5353 Gulf Blvd Apt A201	St Pete Beach	33706	7273608030	thomasgadacz@yahoo.com	2020-05-19 15:58:06

Condo n Covid	<p>I live in Illinois , but own two condos in Clearwater and we are going to come to our unit. Florida is opening up and has no quarantine restrictions from my town, nor does the country. Does my condo board have any authority to set a rule for out of state owners to self quarantine? I called pinellas county and they said they are overstepping their authority. I also feel this is against my rights and freedoms As a US citizen, especially since Florida is approaching phase two reopening.</p> <p>I await your response, thanks</p> <p>I hit enter too quick with wrong email</p>	Jeff wojo	255 dolphin point	Clearwater	33767	708-280-0242	jeff1616@comcast.net	2020-05-19 14:24:30
Condo & quarantine	<p>Good afternoon</p> <p>I live in Illinois , but own two condos in Clearwater and we are going to come to our unit. Florida is opening up and has no quarantine restrictions from my town, nor does the country. Does my condo board have any authority to set a rule for out of state owners to self quarantine? I called pinellas county and they said they are overstepping their authority. I also feel this is against my rights and freedoms As a US citizen, especially since Florida is approaching phase two reopening.</p> <p>I await your response, thanks</p>	Jeff wojo	255 dolphin point	Clearwater fl	33767	708-280-0252	jeff1617@comcast.net	2020-05-19 14:21:14
Corvid-19 testing What a mess!!!!!!!	<p>I filled out registration online. Received call to report to Pinellas Park location. At 11:32 drove to site and waited 40 minutes to be able to provide insurance and ID. After additional 20 minutes asked what was going on?? Told to wait for DR. to call on my cell phone. After that I could wait to be swabbed. Really! I left for home and am at said home. Guess what - the Dr. hasn't called yet (13:51). I won't be going back. When I see Tampa resident's driving up, getting swabbed, and leaving my thoughts about your system are total disgust. At this rate it'll take ten years. If ever.</p> <p>When you say we don't need a Dr. recommendation that is a lie.</p> <p>I'll never go back to this CF again.</p> <p>Regards, Robert C Freeland Seminole, FL</p>	Robert C Freeland	11725 66th Ave	Seminole	33772	7274715833	rcf11725@yahoo.com	2020-05-19 13:57:30
Condo re-opening	<p>Hello, I am trying to find out when rental of condo's (specifically along north Redington beach) will be open for rental business ? With many businesses now back open including beach motels and hotels, it would seem to me that condo's should also be part of that opening. Vacation rentals (especially during the summer months) is important not only to condo property owners but to local vacationers as well that need to make plans and book rooms. It is implausible to understand how a motel or hotel can be open on the beach but an adjacent condo 50 feet away cannot be ??? Please help me understand this logic and please do not place blame on Tallahassee as local municipalities can in fact make decisions like this for their residents and tourists. Thank you in advance for your reply.</p>	Mark Burgner	305 Savannah Oaks Place	Seffner	33584	8134170499	mburgner1@hotmail.com	2020-05-19 13:29:31
Vacation Rental Restrictions - Sun RV Resorts/Rainbow Village RV Resort Largo	<p>My name is Bill Deitz, and I represent Sun Communities, the owner of Rainbow Village RV Resort in Largo, FL. I am reaching out regarding the current restriction of Vacation Rental units due to COVID19.</p> <p>First, We want to thank you for your leadership during these challenging and unsettling times for our state and nation. We know, first hand, that many difficult decisions have been made to protect the health, safety, and well-being of your constituents. While it's been trying, we believe these precautions have saved lives.</p> <p>At Sun Communities, we are making cautious decisions with the same thoughtfulness and care. Our core operating philosophy is to manage using the Golden Rule – "Treat others as you want to be treated." This is as important now as it has been for the past 20 years. Our residents and guests are a priority and in this case, we are reminded that we are in this TOGETHER.</p> <p>As a proud resort owner/operator, we are honored to provide a place guests can ride a bike, bird watch, take a stroll, or just simply enjoy the great outdoors. The very nature of the resort lifestyle, inherently promotes social distancing while providing an option for much needed recreation. We are hopeful that you will take this into consideration while you are evaluating future actions.</p> <p>We also understand that this may not be top of mind for you right now. To help, we would like to offer the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Different from hotels, our Vacation Rental Units are set individually offering plenty of space to allow guests to be outside while maintaining social distancing protocols. There is no shared space between units such as corridors, breakfast areas, or lobbies and we restrict occupancy to 6 or less occupants. •The vast majority of our guests live within hours of us and traveling in their own vehicles to our resort. These are truly places for people to escape, without negotiating large crowds, and to enjoy the outdoors. •We have put in place a comprehensive plan to protect our team members, residents, and guests by implementing procedures such as taking team member temperature readings at shift start, safety kits for each guest with masks and hand sanitizer, enhanced cleaning procedures for common areas and vacation rentals units, signage throughout the property promoting social distancing, and proactive contact tracing measures. 	Bill Deitz	11911 66th Street North	Largo	33773	9415928845	wdeitz@suncommunities.com	2020-05-19 13:20:17

Vacation Rental Response Plan	<p>Good morning. I am contacting the County to determine who will be completing the plan to be presented to the FL Dept of Business and Professional Regulation regarding the resumption of vacation rentals in Pinellas County. Not only is the current suspension of vacation rentals negatively impacting businesses such as mine, but also the revenues derived via the Tourist Development tax that go to the County. It would be in the best interest then of all parties for this plan to be formulated and forwarded as soon as possible, much in the way that Manatee County has. June, and particularly July, are two of the strongest months for Florida residents to take advantage of vacation rentals prior to the slower months of August and September. In short, we need to make hay while the sun is shining.</p> <p>Thank you in advance for your assistance in the extremely important matter.</p>	Guy St Clair	474 Mandalay Avenue	Clearwater	33767	7277485756	Gil@jmcpr.com	2020-05-19 11:43:19
Dunedin Causeway	<p>Sunday for a family outing. My 21 year old has 2 jet skis and we thought it would be fun to get everyone together and enjoy each other's company on the water. It was so much fun except for the police force - they were the WORST! They were NOT friendly. They were condescending, unhelpful and rude. They were not there to serve and protect, they were only there to boss people around and push around their authority. It was apparent they definitely did not want to be working at the causeway in any shape or form!</p> <p>We had "set up camp" beyond the motorized boating area, but had no boats or jet skis at this time. A policeman came around and immediately accused us of having a motorized boat in a non-motorized boat area. There was a motorized boat to the right of us, but the boat did not belong to us. He never asked if it was ours, just assumed it was ours by talking down to us. He was just so angry. I guess the other person's boat was a source of irritation with him. I don't know what his problem was, but his attitude was horrible. We asked if we could stay there when the jet skis arrived and he pointed to the east and said we had to be "that way" beyond the sign. We picked up our belongings and proceeded to the correct and appropriate area for what we planned to do when the jet skis arrived, where we stayed for probably 3 to 4 hours. It was confusing how to exit the causeway, we assumed that it was a one way in and one way out so traffic wouldn't be crossing over each other, but we were wrong. You entered and exited at the same location, which was the 2nd entrance after the bridge. Anyway, my 21 year old couldn't turn his truck and skis around so he went to the area that was blocked off by another policeman in his car because the area was much larger and he felt it would be safer to turn around there. He backed up and down, back and forth and still couldn't get it turned around because the policeman's car was blocking the entrance. Finally, my son got out of his vehicle and asked the patrolman if we could just please back up a foot or two so he could make the turn. The policeman continued to look at his phone the entire time my son was talking to him. The policeman never acknowledge that he was there, but did finally back up. My husband and I were parked on the road above the beach access watching the whole thing. Finally, my husband got out of our car and to help guide our son so he wouldn't crash into any other vehicles (there were SO many cars/trucks there) as it was apparent the policeman was NOT about to offer any assistance or service to this poor struggling kid.</p> <p>As a tax payer in Pinellas County, I am writing today to let the County Commissioners know what type of "customer service" their police force is providing.</p> <p>The beach-goers were really great. Everyone was friendly and adhered to the 6' social distancing rule. The sun was shining. The weather was beautiful. On another downside, there were way too many rocks on the beach and into the first few steps into the</p>	Bobbie Cotnoir	29141 US HWY 19N, Lot #122	Clearwater	33761	3523450880	gulfsidemom@gmail.com	2020-05-19 09:23:33
VACATION RENTALS NEED TO REOPEN!	<p>Morning, not sure exactly who I should be writing, but from what I understand, if the county submits something, we can get the ball rolling on vacation rentals to begin to rent again. I have a beautiful property on Treasure Island, that is sitting empty. I am losing money (in addition to money from my job I don't have anymore!) from not being able to rent, TI is losing and Pinellas too! When we do not have tourists we all lose out. We are much cleaner and safer than a big hotel, I can promise that. Please, who do I write about this? We need to submit something if we haven't already. It is a crime hotels and motels can and we can't!</p>	Karen L. Pastore	11730 Gulf Blvd.	Treasure Island	33706		kpastore3@tampabay.rr.com	2020-05-19 08:38:52
Desantis did address Opening movie theaters and bowling alleys	<p>Did noone listen to his public statements from Jacksonville on Friday? He definitely addressed movie theaters and bowling alleys when he said he wasn't quite ready to open them yet, he wasn't comfortable with the enclosed environments and that he'd like to see more evidence on how they could be reopened safely? Foot God's sake x someone go LISTEN to what he actually said about it, before you go open up places where teenagers congregate and think they're invincible?</p> <p>Additionally, could someone address youth sports, you have coaches wanting to host tournaments with 50 teams, that's at least 10 players and at least 1 parent per player (more likely 2) times 50 teams, all at 1 sports complex throughout every day. That's ludicrous... how is that safe?</p> <p>Please at least look into movie theaters and what our governor said, he said he's NOT ready to open them up yet. Don't assume anything, please go listen!!!</p>	Hawai Grimes-layner	6237 93 Terr N #3806	Pinellas Park	33782	7274520081	bagx2smom@yahoo.com	2020-05-19 01:40:58