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Message from the City Manager of the City of Indian Rocks Beach to IRB Residents Concerning COVID-19

To All Residents of Indian Rocks Beach:

We continue to **WORK TOGETHER** to navigate the many issues associated with COVID-19. The disruptions are obvious and are ever changing. The City of Indian Rocks Beach urges ALL citizens to follow the recommendations and directives of the Governor of Florida, Pinellas County, Pinellas County EMA, Florida State Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

During these unusual times we would request that you minimize your risk by adhering to all recommendations and directives of the agencies listed above. Check on your neighbors, especially our elderly residents that are sheltering in place.

Social distancing is a must. Simply put if you venture out to the grocery store you should keep at least six feet from you and another person. While you are there, only buy what you need and leave the rest for others. Thank the people in the store for working and their efforts to continue to stock the shelves.

The City has taken many steps to protect our citizens by postponing/cancelling public events, programs and activities, these actions discourage large gatherings and encourages social distancing.

As the City's Chief Administrative Officer, I am extremely proud of our City of IRB Team. They continue to complete proactive projects, resolve issues, answer questions from the public while dealing with the stresses of COVID-19. If you see an IRB Team Member out in the field and they are somewhat standoffish they are practicing social distancing.

An important division of our City is our Solid Waste Team. They always have a tough job, but always get the job done. During this virus we would ask that you double your efforts to ensure that items placed in your trash can be placed in the most sanitary manner possible. Remember the way you dispose of your garbage is what is handled by these loyal group of gentlemen.

Prevention is our best approach in dealing with COVID-19. If you feel sick stay home. If you think might have coronavirus, don't go to the doctor or to the hospital. Instead call ahead and follow their directions. Continue to practice good prevention by washing your hands for at least 20 seconds and don't touch your face. Cover your coughs and sneezes. Additionally, each of us should consider carefully what we need for food and sanitation supplies. Only purchase what you reasonably expect to use within a two-week period.

Our City is resilient, and life will return to normal. Until then **WORKING TOGETHER**, using common sense, following directions from the health professional will get us through this.

Your Neighbor,
Brently Gregg Mims
City Manager
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