

# **GARDENS NORTH CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Dear Residents:

In just a few weeks, our lives have been drastically transformed by COVID-19 (a/k/a coronavirus). To protect the health of all residents and staff, your Board is working to follow all guidelines from ***The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC")*** and the ***Florida Department of Health ("FLDOH")***. In addition, various emergency orders have taken effect calling for all Broward County residents to "stay at home" to protect everyone's health and prevent the spread of COVID-19. Governor Ron DeSantis has also issued an order requiring individuals traveling from areas of "substantial community spread" (specifically including the tri-state area of Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey) to isolate or quarantine for 14 days. We request that you adhere to these official orders to stop the transmission of COVID-19.

## ***What should I do if I am sick or have been exposed to COVID-19?***

If you believe that you may have been exposed to the virus or if you have tested positive for COVID -19, we are empathic for your unfortunate circumstance. There is no blame associated with your misfortune. This could happen to anyone and this will happen to many of us if we are not vigilant about separation efforts.

If you have been exposed to the virus, if you are experiencing symptoms, or if you have tested positive for the virus, we ask you to share that information with the Management office. **Your privacy will be protected.** The knowledge of who is ill will enable staff to assist with (and possibly help limit) any need you may have to travel through the common areas. Catching this virus is not a matter of guilt, but sharing virus information will manage the risk of spreading the virus to fellow residents and staff members. Please help us help you by providing timely and truthful communication about your situation, while complying with strict adherence to current quarantine protocols. While the Association cannot realistically monitor and sanitize all components and common areas of the condominium property all the time, your communication with the Management office may allow the Association to focus its resources on doing what it can to limit the risk of people contracting COVID-19. With that being said, given that the Association cannot constantly monitor and sanitize all activity on the condominium property, you must ultimately exercise your own personal responsibility and take appropriate precautions when moving within the open common areas of the property such as the hallways.

## ***Preventative Practices***

You have read and heard these preventative practices many times. They are the key in reducing the likelihood of contracting any respiratory illness, but most especially in preventing this virus. We share these simple prevention exercises that according to the CDC and FLDOH can minimize your risk:

- Stay home if you are sick
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Frequently wash your hands for at least 20 seconds
- Do not touch your face; and
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing

Also, we strongly suggest that you refrain from interacting with neighbors. Some high risk residents are self-isolating for health reasons and only break self-isolating for essential activities like walking dogs or getting mail. Please be aware of the concerns of others during this time by social distancing.

We are all facing an unprecedented challenge. Our health and safety depend on all of us following the CDC and FLDOH guidelines. We can do this. Let's continue to support each other as we fight this unseen enemy.

Please stay safe and well.

Your Board of Directors and Management

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