

# Village of Tequesta

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Hello Neighbors and Friends,

I want to begin by again thanking our residents who have acted responsibly by staying in their homes as much as possible. I admire those of you with children who are doing an exceptional job of keeping them busy and stepping up to the plate to help with virtual schooling. Fortunately, we have a tight-knit community who are willing to come together and help each other. There is no better network than that of your own local hometown neighbors.

I am blessed to live in our slice of paradise and thankful to be given the opportunity to serve as your Mayor. Many of you have inspired me in ways that you will never know. A simple wave, a horn honk when passing by, a ride to the grocery store, or a simple call to say, "Hi, how are you doing?" This has definitely been a challenging time both mentally and physically, yet because of our benevolent Tequesta businesses and charitable community members; we will emerge from this pandemic an improved and more generous Village.

During the past few days, I have received numerous questions in regard to COVID-19 and how the Village is preparing to transition into the various phases. Here are some of the most frequently asked questions and responses. Click on the hyperlinks (underlined words) to be directed to detailed answers.

## **With the recent limited recreational openings, what activities can I legally participate in?**

This is a great [resource tool](#) provided by Palm Beach County that lists exactly what is open and what is not open. Various restrictions and social distancing requirements go along with these openings. These [restrictions](#) are outlined in detail on the Village's COVID-19 website. We have broken them down by category: boating and marine activities, golf courses, parks and natural areas, and tennis courts and community pools.

## **What is the timeframe to lift the restrictions?**

The Village is following Palm Beach County's Emergency Orders and their timeline. While we are hopeful the restrictions can be relaxed soon, Palm Beach County's Health Director, Dr. Alina Alonso has noted a steady drop in cases prompted the decision to reopen recreational facilities so people can return to outdoor activities. However, "This does not

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mean we're back to normal in any way shape or form," she said during an afternoon press conference. "I would say social distancing is more important than before because we don't want to see those numbers go up." As the County transitions to the next phase, we will communicate the Emergency Order and specifics to you via our website, social media and [CodeRED, text and email alerts](#).

**What are the best ways to social distance when out in the public?**

You can find a good [graphic](#) on our COVID-19 website with social distancing tips and guidelines while participating in outdoor activities.

**I see some people not wearing masks. Are we mandated to wear facial masks?**

While face coverings have not been mandated by Executive Order, the County, Governor, and Village Council strongly encourage residents to follow CDC guidelines and utilize cloth facial coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies). The CDC advises the use of a simple cloth face covering helps slow the spread of the virus and helps people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. The "[How to use a Cloth Facial Covering](#)" is a good resource tool.

As the Village begins to work toward a new normal, you can find comprehensive information on the Village's website and Facebook page regarding all things COVID-19. Thank you for doing your part to help stop the spread of the virus and keeping Tequesta safe!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Abby Brennan".

Abby Brennan  
Mayor