

City of Marco Island

Press Release

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On March 17, 2020, City Manager McNeese, Police Chief Frazzano, Fire Chief Murphy and senior city staff met with the management of the Island's major hotels. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the pandemic, its local impact, and steps being taken to minimize exposure.

The hoteliers discussed the shrinking occupancies at their individual locations, as well as their numerous processes in reducing risk associated with the COVID-19 virus. These processes included closing restaurants, eliminating valet parking and testing employees. Hotel staff members are working with their guests to ensure that the recommended social distancing protocols are being followed even on the beach.

Reports the hotels were advertising to attract east coast or customers from other markets were found to be false. The City's observation is the Marco Island hospitality industry is committed to an effective response to the pandemic, shows a demonstrable interest in Center for Disease Control and Health Department guidance, and is endeavoring to be a good community partner.

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