

LAKE PADGETT ESTATES INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT

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Dear Lake Padgett Estates ISD residents,

As everyone knows we are experiencing some very trying times right now as we all seek to get through this coronavirus threat. We are under County, State and even Federal mandates, guidelines, and even prohibitions on what we can and cannot do.

Foremost among all of this, and the best way of protecting our own health, the health of our family and friends and the health of our fellow man, is to maintain spacing requirements and to prohibit gatherings. When faced with these restrictions the simplest solution would have been to close all the parks within the Lake Padgett Estates Independent Special District. After consultation with our District Management company and the District's legal counsel, and reviewing the actions of Pasco County and the surrounding counties, it was decided that closing down the parks but leaving the parking areas, boat ramps, bathrooms and beach areas open, provided that residents abided by spacing and anti-gathering restrictions, was the least restrictive course of action while still abiding by applicable restrictions and guidelines. Shortly after taking this action it became apparent that some residents were using this opportunity to congregate in their boats with their friends and families in the dock and beach areas of the District's parks in direct violation of both spacing and anti-gathering restrictions. Written reports and photographs from the District's security service confirmed time and again numerous violations of these restrictions. At this point our District Management company, the District's legal counsel and the District's insurance carrier all advised that if steps were not taken to curtail these open and clear violations the District would face serious potential legal consequences as it would appear, despite posted signs to the contrary, that the District was acquiescing to these violations by not taking appropriate steps to curtail this activity.

As a result, the simple solution was to close the District's parks entirely and immediately, as was recommended. Upon further review and in one last attempt to provide residents with some limited access to the lakes within the District, we are re-opening the boat ramps and the adjoining parking areas for cars and boat trailers. The District's beaches will be roped off and closed in order to prevent any further gatherings. Bathroom facilities within the District's parks will be closed and locked to prevent the facilitation of gatherings within the District's parks. This situation will be closely monitored by District staff and the District's security agency through the upcoming weekend and if residents abide by the applicable restricts the boat ramps will remain open. However, if they do not and we receive reports of ongoing violations the boat ramps and parking areas will be closed once again.

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We ask all residents to work with us and to abide by these restrictions during this very trying time for all of us. If you see your neighbors and friends violating the restrictions, please say something to them. Don't let them ruin it for everyone! Rest assured that once this Coronavirus threat passes the District's parks will immediately be fully re-opened. In the meantime, please work with us in maintaining the health, safety and welfare of all residents.

God bless,

Steve Yarborough

Chairman, Lake Padgett Estates I.S.D.