

## Public Comments: July 21, 2020

#	Name	Message	Submission Date & Time
1	Beverly Hopkins	<p>As Coronavirus rages around us and number of cases in Glynn and other coastal counties rise, visitors from all over the U.S. seem oblivious to the pandemic and to the fact there is a resident population on Jekyll Island. Very few masks are seen indoors, social distancing not practiced inside businesses or in outdoor areas where there are crowds (not counting the beach). Crowds standing in line for restaurants, tour trams with every row full. Although JIA's own website touts "Staff who have contact with guests will be required to wear assigned face masks", I have seen multiple cases where that is not happening. Perhaps it is time for a reminder? Masks should be required inside any business or restaurant on the island unless the person is eating or drinking. I hope that JIA will be forthcoming with information about any staff with positive COVID19 cases. Staff often interact with residents or visitors even when that may not be part of their typical job duty. Since we can see data for the county and even zip code, reporting the number of cases is not against HIPA. I am also aware of 2 new resident cases that have yet to be included in the Coastal Health zip code count, so it is not up to date (the couple told me they tested positive on July 8, yet there was no increase in the count of 16 between the zip code report on July 6 and the update on July 14). So that brings us to at least 18 resident cases. Residents remain trapped in their homes for the most part, especially on weekends. We can only hope that this pandemic begins to ease so we can again enjoy the island we chose to call home.</p>	7/19/2... 4:14pm
2	Beverly Hopkins	<p>It would be great to know where public comments submitted prior to the Sunday deadline are displayed for the public to see. I am not finding them on the website nor in an updated version of the agenda? I submitted one Sunday, am not 100% sure I met the 5pm deadline, but it should have.</p> <p>Bev</p>	7/21/2... 9:15am
3	Mindy Egan	<p>I was pleased to hear of all the positive steps being taken to try to reduce the spread of Covid-19 on the island and specifically among staff. In particular, my husband and I have been concerned about the well being of the staff. In particular, it is worrisome that staff have been riding in vehicles (red bugs, golf carts, trucks and cars) with more than one occupant and not wearing masks. Housekeeping staff should also be wearing masks when they clean public spaces such as restrooms even if they are the only ones in the space since they may be asymptomatic or per-symptomatic.</p>	7/21/2... 11:39am

	JIA staff members are wonderful, friendly people who many residents feel they are like "family."	
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