From: Michael.Rosenblum@hcahealthcare.com
To: BBethune@cityofmyrtlebeach.com
Subject: [External]bike week
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:32:22 PM

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Long time no hear. I thought we were through the worst but I guess not. Hoping I can gain some insight as to what we can do about the pending bike rally? I was very surprised when city council voted overwhelmingly in favor of it. I empathize with the bar owners but long term a severe outbreak I would imagine would be worse for them then a tough year. Given Horry counties designation of being a hot spot what our are plans to control our current spread? Is this due to hotel congestion? Has SC dhec made any ground on contact tracing or consideration to implementing restrictions to buffets, restaurants, bars, hotels? Bike rally would be suicide for us all. I hope we are moving in the direction of cancelling this and acting on this significant increase in cases

Thanks

Michael Rosenblum MD, FACC

-----Original Message-----

From: Brenda Bethune <BBethune@cityofmyrtlebeach.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 12:39 PM

To: Rosenblum Michael <Michael.Rosenblum@hcahealthcare.com>

Subject: {EXTERNAL} Re: Re:MYRTLE BEACH HOTELS

Hi Michael-

I realize that there is a lot of confusion, mainly because there are Executive Orders from the Governor and orders from the City. I will do my best to explain.

When the City of Myrtle Beach closed the hotels, it was done prior to the Governor's Executive order. We did so to control the spread of the virus and to protect our community. Our Executive Order expires tomorrow, May 1st. Legally we cannot keep the hotels closed because it would be against the Governor's order. The most we could do in our meeting today was to impose strict sanitation requirements on the hotels and to limit them to reservations that are currently on their books. No new reservations will be allowed until May 16th.

Public swimming pools are closed and will remain closed until the Governor opens them. We have no jurisdiction over the pools.

The same is true for restaurants. Only the Governor can open them and place restrictions on them.

I hope this helps somewhat and I appreciate your questions and input. This is a very delicate balance and we are committed to putting our residents and the safety of our community first.

Thank you-

Brenda

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> On Apr 30, 2020, at 12:05 PM, "Michael.Rosenblum@hcahealthcare.com" <Michael.Rosenblum@hcahealthcare.com> wrote:

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> Mayor Bethune,

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> Just wanted to say thanks for helping to protect us native folks with the hotel closures and prioritizing our safety over tourist vacations. I think these high-rises and multi condo units continue to be our greatest healthcare risk, but I can appreciate how hard closing them is to the economy here. From a contagious standpoint these hotels pose so much risk with crowded elevators, common spaces, crowded pools etc. Is there any consideration to safety measures when these hotels do inevitably reopen such as closure of common spaces, pools, hot tubs? The elevators scare me the most but no idea what we can do there to limit spread other than elevator attendant and limiting capacity- but this would be very difficult to make a reality. Also, has anyone considered holding off on opening buffets for longer than regular restaurants? I would think after the hotels, buffets would be the second easiest way to spread this along with waterparks, broadway, and crowded bar areas like house of blues (all the revenue generating places unfortunately).

> thanks again. Must be very difficult to balance safety versus economic disaster in the face of this.

> Michael

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Rosenblum Michael

> Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 10:13 AM

> To: 'Brenda Bethune' <BBethune@cityofmyrtlebeach.com>

> Subject: RE: MYRTLE BEACH HOTELS

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> Glad to hear that. My only thought would be if we wait to quarantine mild patients to protect their families then I am not sure the benefit. Wouldn't it make more sense to do proactively to prevent the numbers from getting so high rather than waiting for them to be high enough to do this?

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> Thanks for all your hard work on this

> Michael

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Brenda Bethune <BBethune@cityofmyrtlebeach.com>

> Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 2:05 PM

> To: Rosenblum Michael <Michael.Rosenblum@hcahealthcare.com>

> Subject: {EXTERNAL} Re: MYRTLE BEACH HOTELS

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> Michael-

> We communicate weekly with our area hospitals and have discussed exactly what you suggest. Our hospitals are no where near capacity at this time, but we know how quickly that can change. Our Emergency Manager has a very detailed Emergency Action Plan that has plans for different stages of this pandemic. THank you so much for your willingness to help and for caring!

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> Brenda

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> Sent from my iPad

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>> On Mar 31, 2020, at 2:01 PM, "Michael.Rosenblum@hcahealthcare.com" <Michael.Rosenblum@hcahealthcare.com> wrote:

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>> Mayor Bethune,

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>> Have we reached out to local hotels and hospital networks (HCA, Tidelands, Mcleod) to coordinate using some of our hotels for 10-14 day quarantines for patients with mild (or asymptomatic) cases? Many cities already doing this as sending infected patients home often infects the whole family. This could also could help with the unemployment issues if hotel staff can be trained and keep their jobs.

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>> Thanks

>> Michael

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Rosenblum Michael

>> Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 10:33 AM

>> To: 'Brenda Bethune' <BBethune@cityofmyrtlebeach.com>

>> Subject: RE: MYRTLE BEACH HOTELS

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>> Thank you so much. So it sounds like you share my concern. Is there anything I can do as a physician/constituent to help this situation?

>> Thank you for the reply

>> Michael

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Brenda Bethune <BBethune@cityofmyrtlebeach.com>

>> Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 10:26 AM

>> To: Rosenblum Michael <Michael.Rosenblum@hcahealthcare.com>

>> Subject: {EXTERNAL} Re: MYRTLE BEACH HOTELS

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>> Hello Michael-

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>> The City of Myrtle Beach does not have the authority to stop airlines from flying here. Due to FAA rules, the airport cannot be closed. Even though the airport is located within city limits, it is actually governed by Horry County. I have personally spoken with Senator Rankin about the airlines as well as with the Chamber of Commerce. They are both working to get the airlines to comply.

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>> Thank you-

>> Brenda Bethune

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>> [photograph]

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>> On Mar 30, 2020, at 9:43 AM, "Michael.Rosenblum@hcahealthcare.com" <Michael.Rosenblum@hcahealthcare.com> wrote:

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>> Hello,

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>> People are still coming in to Horry and Georgetown counties with very cheap spirit flights (?400 daily. 2000 a week?). What is our plan? This will turn our relatively low numbers into explosion of numbers very soon. It will be the end of our cities as we know them. We have to close these flights. Or direct all folks who land to a supervised quarantine. I have heard nothing towards a plan for this.

>> thanks

>> Michael Rosenblum

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>> From: Rosenblum Michael <Michael.Rosenblum@hcahealthcare.com>

>> Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 6:01 PM

>> To: jhatley@cityofmyrtlebeach.com; bbethune@cityofmyrtlebeach.com

>> Cc: mchestnut@cityofmyrtlebeach.com; johnkrajc@cityofmyrtlebeach.com;

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>> gsmith@cityofmyrtlebeach.com

>> Subject: Re: MYRTLE BEACH HOTELS

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>> Thank you for your swift action today. I still think people will

>> continue to load up planes from nyc to myr and we will need a place

>> to shelter these folks and hopefully test them. Perhaps we can

>> convert a hotel to a “fever” hospital for mild positive patients to

>> keep them isolated and away from the hospital. I suggest the Sheraton

>> and conference center. People who test negative can go to a different

>> hotel until they can return safely home Thank you again Michael

>> Rosenblum Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Mar 26, 2020, at 10:31 AM, Rosenblum Michael <Michael.Rosenblum@hcahealthcare.com<mailto:Michael.Rosenblum@hcahealthcare.com>> wrote:

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>> Mayor and Council Members

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>> I beg you to close myrtle beach hotels. We are going to have 1000’s (?10,000’s) of folks fleeing NYC who are COVID positive coming to Horry county. We have been working so hard to socially distance and that will be for nothing if these hotels fill up with people from New York who have been exposed. If they are allowed they need to be on mandatory supervised lock down in their room by national guard. Please do something to prevent this. We need to shut down the city as Charleston has done before it is too late. Our hospitals cannot handle being the next NYC.

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>> Thank you

>> Michael Rosenblum MD, FACC