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PIC Update: Peaks COVID 19 Response Committee Activities

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This is an update on some of the activities undertaken by the Peaks COVID 19 Response Committee since its creation by the PIC last week.

COVID 19 SCREENING ON PEAKS:

This is an example of how things are changing so quickly. Screening is now not considered as much a priority now that we know COVID 19 in the region. Think of it: screen today, but get infected on your way home. The medical profession is now thinking it is better to focus on prevention and spread with treatment at home managing symptoms. If you think you are ill, call your primary care physician. If you are ill and in distress, call 911. If you do go into town, go in a car with the windows rolled up.

RECRUITMENT AND EMERGENCY CREDENTIALING OF VOLUNTEER HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

The effort to recruit islanders who are healthcare professionals started by Bud Higgins, is proceeding. So far we have 12 folks who have volunteered to supplement health services here on the island. We are working on getting such volunteers emergency credentials. If you are a healthcare professional and would like to help, please send an email Kathy Simmonds at kathy_simmonds@hotmail.com.

RECRUITMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS

We have been recruiting mental health professionals who live on the island to volunteer to provide help to those in distress as the pandemic proceeds. This effort is being headed up by Rafferty. So far 20 folks have stepped up. If you are a mental health provider and would like to help, please email Rafferty at raffertyty@gmail.com.

KEEPING TRACK OF OUR MORE VULNERABLE NEIGHBORS

If you know of a neighbor who lives alone, elderly, not likely to be connected to the internet, ill, etc., who needs to be looked in on, please send their name, address, as much contact information as you have for them, and brief description of their situation in an email to Joanne Sterling at jsterling@rcn.com. Efforts are being planned to help make sure these folks are not forgotten.

It should be obvious that the committee's work is ongoing, Additional efforts are being developed, so stay tuned. Please think of ways you can help.

Members of the Peaks COVID 19 Response Committee presently include: Buck Benedict , Chuck Radis, Bud Higgins , Jeanne Gulnick, Joanne Sterling, Kathy Simmonds, Kitty Gilbert , Marge Powers, Noah Rosenberg, Randy Schaeffer, SE Rafferty, and Will Green.

Peaks Island: "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" "Island Strong!"

Thank you.