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Beginning Tuesday, March 24, 2020 the City of Punta Gorda Building Division will be suspending building inspections on existing residential single family and multi family dwelling units until further notice in an effort to minimize the exposure of COVID - 19.

This would include existing single family homes, duplexes, condos, apartments, group homes, nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

Inspections on residential and commercial accessory structures (docks, seawalls, pools, boatlifts, sheds, garages, cages, heat pumps and fences) will continue as long as the inspector doesn't have to enter the dwelling unit to access the accessory structure. Re-roof inspections will not change from their current procedure.

Inspections on new construction residential and commercial buildings will continue but we ask you limit the number of workers in the buildings while the inspection is taking place.

Should there be a <u>critical</u> need for an inspection inside an existing residential dwelling, the department may accept pictures and video for certain inspection types. Please contact Chief Building Official, Randall Cole, @ 941-575-3344 or Plans Examiner, John Smith @ 941-575-3380 for a possible resolution to your particular issue.

We have provided a drop box for permit applications and we encourage the use of email and fax for applications that do not require large plans or drawings. This includes plan changes, truss letters, elevation certificates, termite certs and location surveys (the surveys must come directly from the surveyor).

Permit techs, inspectors and plans examiners will be available by phone or email to answer construction related questions. We will update you on any future changes should conditions warrant.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Randall Cole Chief Building Official