



Sarasota Bay Club

TO: All SBC Residents and all Family Members
FROM: Gail Chase *Gail*
DATE: December 29, 2021
RE: COVID-19 Update

The memo is being sent to update everyone relative to three residents testing positive for COVID-19 here at SBC. In all three cases, the residents are vaccinated and one is also boosted. These are definitely breakthrough infections. Contact tracing was performed, and anyone affected was contacted and are isolating until COVID tested at the appropriate “exposure” test date. All three infected residents are isolating until negative results are received and all are experiencing slight symptoms but are well enough to remain home.

I understand that this information may be disheartening. *Fortunately, symptoms, if any, have been mild for those vaccinated who have contracted this COVID-19 variant.*

The new variant is believed to be highly transmissible. **Therefore, effective immediately, I request all residents begin wearing their masks in the common areas.** We need to return to being committed to adhering to the CDC guidelines that mitigate the risk of COVID-19, mask adherence and hand hygiene. The local County rate is at 9.58%. Sarasota Memorial Hospital rate has increased to 15.37% from 6.6% just last week. We need to continue these measures until we move past this rising positivity rate.

As you are aware, Friday, December 31st is the New Year’s Eve party. We will rapid test all Dining Staff immediately preceding the party. This is not a **guarantee of protection** for you, so it is up to each and every one of you to decide if you wish to attend the party. Please let Lifestyle or Dining Services know if you are canceling.

Your help is needed once again in ensuring everyone in the community stays safe and healthy. Please, if you feel symptomatic, notify us immediately so we can perform the necessary testing and prevent the spread of the virus.

We will continue to update you.

GC:ljm