



TO: All SBC Residents and Jacaranda Trace Club Members
FROM: Gail Chase
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RE: COVID-19 /Coronavirus Update #28

At the end of June, it will be 4 months since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. We have adapted to life changes we never imagined or expected to experience. Residents and staff alike rallied together and worked diligently to keep the pandemic from coming past our doorstep. I have not issued a memo in a couple of weeks and thought it appropriate to keep you updated.

As states and local governments begin to allow businesses to reopen to the public, decisions about what is safe remain more and more of a personal decision. As we venture back out into the world, it could be easy to feel free and not adhere to the advised protocols which will keep us safe; like wearing your mask and social distancing. With the number of cases rising in Florida, it is imperative we adhere to all safety precautions. As I am writing this memo the Governor has issued another emergency order re-closing all the bars due to the sharp increase in COVID-19 cases.

Based on the data from the Department of Health, we feel it is in our best interest that all our internal restrictions at Jacaranda Trace and Sarasota Bay Club remain in place. We are making *no changes to the protocols in place for travel, out-of-state visitors, activities, dining or group gatherings*. **We remain status quo for all internal protocols at this time. Please refer to our June 1st update for any details you may need to refresh your memory.**

This is the best way to keep us all safe: a slow and steady course of progression, knowing however that we can and will become more restrictive if the situation warrants it.

Since we last reported to you, an employee at Cadbury Park at Jacaranda Trace tested positive for COVID-19. We reported the details of this case to residents at Jacaranda Trace in a memo dated June 4th. That employee remains in quarantine and will not return until 2 negative tests 24-hours apart are completed. *Subsequent to this exposure, all staff were tested. All staff results were negative. All residents also remain COVID-19 free.*
At SBC, all staff and all residents remain COVID free with no past or present cases.

This past week, the Governor and Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) issued a new Emergency Order. All staff employed in Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing Homes in the State must be tested every two (2) weeks for COVID-19. *We completed our first round of mandated testing at Jacaranda Trace and Sarasota Bay Club and all staff tested negative.* Our next tests will be conducted



between July 7th and July 21st. Due to cross utilization of staff, this order will have some impact to staff at the retirement center. This order will remain in effect for the next 90 days.

We have been working at this together now for four months, but we cannot become lax. Please adhere to the mandate to wear masks in the common areas. This includes hallways, elevators and common areas in which we hold events. Although you may socially distance during Bingo or Sit and Stretch, that is not possible during a Bridge game. Your neighbors all want you to wear your mask!

I know this has been a difficult situation for everyone. With the lifting of area restrictions and the increase in cases, staying safe and deciding what protocols should be implemented becomes more and more complex. Each day we are presented with a new challenge and a unique situation. Thank you for your understanding as we move through this process together and know we only have your safety as our number one priority.

As always stay safe and stay well.

GC:ljm