



TO: All SBC Residents
FROM: Gail Chase
DATE: July 6, 2020
RE: Coronavirus Update #30 - Mask Usage

On a daily basis, I receive emails from residents regarding their neighbors not wearing masks or not wearing them properly. On May 6th, a memo was issued making masks mandatory for everyone when in the elevators or any common area. Common areas, except for the outdoors, are simply everywhere in the building when outside of your condo. The Fitness Center is classified as a common area; therefore, masks are required while exercising unless you are the only one in the room. Wearing a mask while walking outside or on the grounds is at your discretion if you are able to socially distance. On our campus this should not be an issue. The requirement of masks is becoming more and more commonplace and is also the position the City of Sarasota, and other communities, have recently adopted.

Please note, face shields are not considered a mask. They may be worn in addition to a mask but not in place of a mask. According to the CDC protocol "... *do not recommend use of face shields for normal everyday activities or as a substitute for cloth face coverings.*" (<https://www.cdc.gov>). Disposable face masks should only be worn for a single use. Reusable face masks should be cleaned and disinfected after each use. Masks should be worn over and covering your nose and mouth and pulled down under the chin if possible.

As we share this with you, we are also consistently educating our staff on wearing a mask correctly.

As always, please be cognizant of others if you are out in the local community. Whether it is at a restaurant or the grocery store, you may be in the vicinity of a possible COVID-19 carrier. Please exercise caution for your safety and that of your family here at SBC.

Thank you for all your efforts and everything each of you do to help keep us all safe and healthy and free from COVID-19.

As always, please call me with any questions and stay safe.

GC:ljm

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