



To: All SBC Residents  
From: Gail Chase  
Date: April 15, 2021  
Re: COVID 19 Update

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The purpose of this memo is to share some facts with you related to recent events and COVID 19 positive test results at SBC.

We do indeed have a resident couple that tested positive for COVID 19. They employ a private caregiver that adheres to our testing policy and on April 12th discovered he tested positive for COVID 19. We immediately isolated the couple and tested them on April 14<sup>th</sup>. We received their test results the same evening we tested them and unfortunately, they were positive. Thankfully, they are both vaccinated and are asymptomatic. They are isolating in their condo and will for the next 14 days. We will test them again after their isolation time has passed.

We immediately conducted contact tracing after we learned of the couples' positive result and have tested and isolated all residents that met CDC guidelines for exposure. I should have all these test results by tomorrow afternoon. If after we receive the results, further action is required, we will notify you immediately. All the exposed residents were vaccinated and we are optimistic their results will be negative.

There is not much data available yet on the transmission of the virus by vaccinated people but it is thought that it is an extremely rare possibility. We will know more as the data is collected, analyzed, and made public.

The Pfizer vaccine is 95% effective and the CDC and Dr. Fauci have stated..... *"The number of individuals with breakthrough infections is not at all incompatible with a 90-plus percent vaccine efficacy."*

They do not think there needs to be concern about any shift or change in the efficacy of the vaccine. The reason for the breakthrough infections occurring in rare instances is still unclear. Older adults or those with compromised immune systems may generate weaker immune responses to the vaccine thus putting them at higher risk. More data is needed and to that end we are working collaboratively with our lab and will be sending copies of all vaccine cards to the state relative to any positive vaccinated cases we encounter.

*Additionally, you have probably all heard the J & J vaccine has been paused.* We had intended to offer that vaccine at a clinic on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April. We have had to shift that plan and will have the Moderna vaccine available. I encourage you to inform your private caregivers and housekeepers to avail themselves of this opportunity. Please let Lynne Minguez know by April 20<sup>th</sup> if they want to participate.

Again, please know we will keep you informed as your health and safety is our priority.