



Sarasota Bay Club

TO: All SBC Residents and all Family Members
FROM: Gail Chase
DATE: April 27, 2021
RE: COVID-19 Update

On Monday, April 26th we held a COVID testing clinic for all residents and staff who wished to be tested for COVID-19. **The lab tests came back last night, and we are pleased to announce that all residents and staff tested negative.**

In one week's time, we have tested approximately 225 residents and staff. Currently, we have just five "breakthrough infections" of which three (3) residents are in the building and two (2) residents are in the hospital. The residents are all stable and those in the hospital will be discharged to The Inn probably this week. I have personally spoken to the epidemiologist at the Department of Health, and she advised that it is not uncommon to have "breakthrough infections" for fully vaccinated people. She wanted everyone to remember the vaccine is 95% effective and not 100%. Really, a remarkable defense against the effects of the virus. Considering we have over 500 people in our community (residents and staff), the Department of Health expressed we are experiencing what is expected relative to "breakthrough infections" for vaccinated individuals. It is important you realize this number is not deemed high and is a true number. I have heard rumors that we have "12 positive people." I share information openly with you and want to assure you that we have never had 12 positive residents.

In my discussion with the epidemiologist, she volunteered to send one of our positive swabs to the Tallahassee laboratory to analyze for the variant strain of COVID. The results will take 4 weeks and she agreed to keep in communication with me.

These 'breakthrough' cases are demonstrating that although vaccines are not one hundred percent effective, **they provide a level of immunity and protection.** *These cases are also revealing why we all need to remain committed to adhering to the CDC guidelines that mitigate the risk of COVID-19, including social distancing, mask adherence and hand hygiene.*

Please feel free to call me anytime with questions.

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