



Sarasota Bay Club

TO: SBC Residents and Jacaranda Trace Club Members
FROM: Gail Chase
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SUBJECT: Coronavirus update #21

Thank you everyone for your assistance and cooperation as we all continue to keep ourselves safe during this pandemic.

We remain COVID free. As of this time we do not have any residents, staff, nor family members of staff, having tested positive or presumptively positive for COVID-19.

If at any time you are not feeling well or think you may have a temperature, please don't hesitate to call us.

It is our goal to continue to work collaboratively and use best practices to protect our residents and staff. As the State begins to loosen some of its restrictions, it is even more important we all stay vigilant in our behaviors to remain as safe as possible.

We have a protocol in place in the event of a positive case and are prepared to respond if necessary. We have contacted a testing company and are signing a contract with them should we need to act quickly. We remain committed to ultimate transparency and if a positive case should arise, residents, families and staff will immediately be notified through our multiple communication channels.

Once a case is identified, we would immediately have that person (or couple) self-isolate. We would then notify the Primary Care Provider (PCP) and the Florida Department of Health and the Agency for Health Care Administration (ACHA). We would then begin "contact tracing" in partnership with the Department of Health.

In contact tracing, public health staff works with the patient to help them recall everyone with whom they have had close contact during the timeframe while they may have been infectious.

Public health staff then warns those exposed individuals (contacts) of their potential exposure as rapidly and sensitively as possible.

To protect patient privacy, contacts are only informed they may have been exposed to a patient with the infection. They are not told by the Department the identity of the patient who may have exposed them.

Those that have had contact with a positive case will be provided with education, information, and support to understand their risk. They will be told to separate themselves from others who are not exposed and how to monitor themselves for illness. It is possible to spread the infection to others even if they themselves do not feel ill. We will then begin testing those that have had exposure and assess, with the Department of Health, what further action should be taken.

All that have had contact are told to stay home and maintain social distance from others (at least 6 feet) until 14 days after their last exposure. They will monitor themselves by checking their temperature twice daily and watching for cough or shortness of breath. Staff will check in with residents to make sure they are self-monitoring and have not developed symptoms. Public Health staff will also monitor everyone involved.

Identifying contacts and ensuring they do not interact with others is critical to protect the community from further spread.

Your engagement in the process, if a case is identified, will be crucial if we are to protect ourselves from potential additional infections.

As a reminder, we also have rooms and specific COVID trained staff at The Inn should it be necessary for us to provide care to any members of our community with coronavirus.

We have many procedures in place to provide for everyone's safety. Following these procedures offers us the best means by which we can protect ourselves and mitigate the chances of the virus appearing in our community.

It is imperative we all follow the guidelines we have implemented. To that end, please remember it is mandatory you wear a mask in our common areas. We understand it can be uncomfortable but it is for the safety of not just you but your neighbors as well. Remember our behaviors have the possibility of unintentionally harming one of our neighbors even while we may feel safe.

Everyone is feeling a different level of anxiety about this virus and its potential impact. Therefore, out of respect for everyone, we must enforce our protocols of social distancing, wearing of masks and all protocols currently in place.

As always, thank you for understanding and your cooperation during this difficult time.

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