

TO:

All SBC Residents and all Family Members

FROM:

Gail Chase

DATE:

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RE:

COVID-19 Update

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

On Tuesday, a fully vaccinated resident tested positive for COVID-19. Contact tracing was performed immediately and the source of the infection was identified as the resident's private caregiver. We tested everyone who had contact with this resident and they tested negative. The resident is experiencing slight symptoms and is in isolation until a negative test result is received.

It is important you understand the number of breakthrough cases we have had at SBC. <u>Please do not listen to or repeat rumors</u>. <u>Please use this memo as a reference for current COVID-19 cases or call me if necessary</u>. Since April, we have had a TOTAL of seven vaccinated residents experience "breakthrough" infections of COVID-19. Two of those seven residents were hospitalized because of other health issues in addition to COVID-19. They are currently out of the hospital and are stable. Of the remaining 5, three of them are now negative and doing well. Only two residents remain positive and isolated in their condo. One has been positive for 2 weeks but is doing well and remains in good spirits. Our other resident first discovered they were positive yesterday. This resident has mild symptoms, remains in their condo, and is under the care of a physician.

So again, to repeat, we have only two positive residents currently at SBC.

We are experiencing "breakthrough infections" in fully vaccinated people; a phenomenon the local Department of Health and the CDC says is not unusual. We must remember that the vaccine is not 100% effective. Please do not relax and let your guard down. Please remain vigilant in following the CDC guidelines to wear a mask over your nose and mouth, stay 6 feet from others and avoid crowds and wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer. We will be keeping our current protocols in place as long as we continue to experience these breakthrough infections.

We encourage all our employees to get vaccinated and ask you to please encourage your private employees to get vaccinated as well.

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