



TO: All SBC Residents and Jacaranda Trace Club Members
FROM: Gail Chase *Gail*
DATE: March 18, 2022
RE: **COVID-19 Community Update/ Independent Living**

Over the past few months, we experienced an uptick in COVID-19 cases in our two facilities, first at Sarasota Bay Club and then Jacaranda Trace. Fortunately, both facilities have stabilized, and we are COVID-19 free for both residents and staff. Considering this progress and significant reductions in state/local positivity rates (state/ local rates are 2.4% and the local hospital rate is 1.9%) we have made the decision to return to pre-COVID-19 operational protocols effective today, with the most significant change related to voluntary mask wearing.

At this time in the pandemic, testing for COVID-19 has become simplified and additionally, the vaccine and boosters are widely available. We believe now is the time for us to fully step forward and align with local venues in our cities, such as theatres and restaurants. As we have all noticed, most businesses, if not all, have dropped restrictions related to COVID-19. Rightfully so, we lagged behind these businesses, choosing to push restrictions further out.

I would like to remind all residents that should you decide to adhere to a more stringent protocol, it is within your right and will be respected. After reviewing the below, please reach out should you have any questions.

As in the past, we reserve the right to retract or replace protocols immediately, as needed or required. Any adjustments in doing so would be for the protection of our residents, guests, and staff.

NEW PROTOCOLS EFFECTIVE MARCH 18, 2022:

COVID-19 Check-in Procedures: COVID-19 check in procedures will cease. Arm bands, masks and inquiries about vaccination status will no longer be required. Guests, family and vendors will resume pre-COVID-19 check in procedures.

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Masks: Mask wearing will be *voluntary*. Please ensure you keep a mask on your person in the event you would like protection in certain environments (such as the elevator).

Common Area Usage: Common areas are now accessible to all persons.

Travel Guidance:

Please continue to advise of cruise travel and/or international travel as isolation and PCR testing post 72 hours of return will remain in place at this time.

And as a reminder, requests for COVID-19 testing may be sent to Gail Chase, COO at gchase@freedomsenior.com

Stay safe and healthy as we look forward to more 'normal' times for all!
