

# COVID-19 UPDATE

November 23, 2021

Dear Splendido Residents,

We wanted to inform you that we learned yesterday that **two employees who work in Independent Living tested positive for COVID-19**. We wish each of them a speedy recovery.

Splendido is interviewing these individuals to determine if they were in close contact with residents and/or other employees (meaning within 6 feet of anyone for more than 15 minutes). Anyone identified as a close contact will be tested twice a week for a minimum of 14 days.

Reminder: Pima County currently has a high transmission rate for COVID-19 based on percent positivity and total number of cases. There have been breakthrough cases for those who are fully vaccinated; however, the severity of the symptoms is generally lesser. Upcoming holiday parties and family gatherings are opportunities to contract and spread the COVID-19 virus.

## **SONORA UPDATES:**

Because of the high transmission rate in our county, **we ask that visitors are diligent with wearing a mask not only while visiting in Sonora, but when you are out and about in the greater community**. Take reasonable precautions and consider refraining from visitation if you have any concerns related to potential exposure.

## **SONORA BOOSTER VACCINES:**

The CDC recommends booster vaccine shots for those

- 65 years and older
- age 18+ who live in long-term care settings
- age 18+ who have underlying medical conditions
- age 18+ who work or live in high-risk settings

The CDC also states the following:

“There are now booster recommendations for all three available COVID-19 vaccines in the United States. Eligible individuals may choose which vaccine they receive as a booster dose. Some people may have a preference for the vaccine type that they originally received, and others may prefer to get a different booster. CDC’s recommendations now allow for this type of mix and match dosing for booster shots.”

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**Sonora has scheduled a COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic on Tuesday, November 30.** This clinic is being hosted by CVS. At this time, CVS has informed us they will likely only have the Pfizer vaccine available. **We are currently planning to administer the Pfizer vaccine to all Sonora residents who have consented to receive a third dose, regardless of initial manufacturer.**

Sonora residents and responsible parties: If you have concerns about receiving a booster dose of a different manufacturer, please contact Leslie Taylor, director of nursing, at [ltaylor@splendidotucson.com](mailto:ltaylor@splendidotucson.com) or (520) 878.2662.

## **HOLIDAY GATHERINGS IN SONORA:**

Current regulations related to visitation of residents in skilled nursing or assisted living state that because we are in a county of high transmission, **visitors must wear a mask at all times while visiting in Sonora.** This means that **while in Sonora, visitors cannot share a meal with a resident.**

If you would like to plan a holiday meal with a Sonora resident, we can plan for you to eat outside on one of our balconies, or you will need to arrange to take the resident out of Sonora for the meal.

## **PLEASE CONTINUE TO WEAR MASKS INDOORS:**

Everyone has been doing a great job of keeping infections in our community to a minimum. Please continue to be safe!

We remind **residents throughout Splendido wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth while you are in any indoor spaces,** including hallways and the main entry area.

Take care and stay well.

Sincerely,

James C. Edwartoski  
AVP & Executive Director