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Good morning,

Several people have sent me news stories about the surge of Omicron in Florida. This is happening now in South Florida, specifically Miami-Dade and Broward counties. Duval County numbers have not increased yet. Today's Florida Times-Union, "UF Health Jacksonville, Ascension St. Vincent's and Baptist Health all say they haven't seen an uptick in COVID hospitalizations yet in the Jacksonville area, but they are predicting a surge as early as January".

On the advice of Dr. Zev Wajsman, JSOB's medical advisor, our Board of Directors voted Thursday to heed his recommendation that everyone entering the club be required to have a booster vaccination.

Beginning on Monday January 3, 2022, everyone at JSOB must show proof of having had a booster shot.

This policy is in effect until January 13, 2022. It will be reviewed at that point and rescinded or renewed until January 28, 2022. The mandate will be reviewed every two weeks thereafter, if necessary.

We will follow the CDC guidelines and require boosters for those who have had Moderna or Pfizer and are six months or further out from their second injection. Those who received J&J must have a booster if two months out. If you are not yet eligible for a booster, your immunity should be at a high enough level to attend.

The Board strives to protect the majority and provide a safe environment. We regret we must make such difficult decisions knowing not everyone agrees.

Thank you for your support,

Jan Madsen and Board Members