

March 10, 2020

## **COVID-19 Updates**

Gov. Jay Inslee announced new rules today for nursing homes and assisted living facilities that focus on increased protection for older adults – a population more likely to be hit by COVID-19. The rules go into effect today, March 10<sup>th</sup>, and will remain in effect until midnight on April 9, 2020 in accordance with Gov. Inslee's proclamation. While Bayview has enforced many of the protocols already, we would like to share two new measures:

1) Congregate dining will be closing in all three venues (Cloud Room, Bistro, Terrace View Main Dining). We will officially begin room service for dinner Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Beginning Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, all three meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) will be room service only until further notice. We will be delivering during the following hours.

Breakfast: 7:30am-9:00am Lunch: 11:30am-1:00pm Dinner: 4:45:6:30pm

We will be offering a choice when we arrive to your door. If you know you will not be available during these mealtimes, please inform food services (ext. 2131). Special diets will be accommodated as always.

For Assisted Living residents, room and tray delivery service will also be in effect. For Skilled Nursing residents, a modified dining schema will accommodate the 6' social distance requirement.

2) All employees must be screened for COVID-19 symptoms at the start of <u>each</u> <u>shift</u>. There will be one point of entry at the <u>front desk located on the second-floor</u> **entrance** in which staff will fill out a questionnaire. While Bayview has been screening staff already, we are now implementing more frequent documentation.

As of this writing, ten senior communities have confirmed cases of COVID-19. We are continually sending our thoughts and prayers to all those impacted. Extraordinary circumstances call for extraordinary measures. These are the measures we are implementing to reduce your risk of exposure.

Thank you for your unending patience and understanding with these changes.

Please direct any additional questions to Joel Smith, Health Services Administrator (ext. 3357).

