



March 9, 2020

COVID-19 Update

Dear Bayview Community,

At Bayview, and other senior communities, we must continue to fulfill our mission while working to keep our residents and community healthy. **As a reminder, we do not have a confirmed case of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) at Bayview.** However, the rising cases of this disease and the risk it poses for those over the age of 60 within King County, is concerning to us all. Maintaining the health, wellness and safety of our residents is our number one priority. Here are additional steps we are taking in order to minimize exposure to this illness.

New updates and protocols effective 3.9.2020:

- Visitation restriction: To ensure maximum safety for residents and staff, we are restricting **ALL** outside visitors to Bayview until further notice.
 - The exceptions are essential personnel, hospice nurses, medical and/or licensed staff, and any end-of-life family visitation. **Screenings** are still strictly in place for anyone who enters the building. Family members may continue to pick up relatives for medical appointments at reception.
 - We understand that connecting with family members is important and there are a variety of other ways you might consider connecting with them: telephone, email, text, Skype, social media, and Facetime are some examples.
- Resident group activities and programs are postponed until further notice.
 - The Fitness Center and pool are still open for individual use.
 - We are not prohibiting congregate dining at this time. We are prepared for building wide meal delivery should we need to close our congregate dining venues (Terrace View Dining, Bistro, Cloud Room).
- In response to rapidly changing circumstances, Bayview has created a one-stop page dedicated to all COVID-19 updates. Please feel free to share this site with family and friends: www.BayviewSeattle.org/COVID19.

Reminder of protocols already in place:

- Working in consultation with King County and State Department of Health agencies, The Centers for Disease Control, and Infection Control Preventionists to monitor conditions and follow the most current recommendations.
- Adhering to universal precautions of infection control such as practicing good hygiene.
- Increased disinfection and sterilization on all “high-touch” surfaces.

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- All van trips other than medical appointments are cancelled.
- No classes by outside instructors for Fitness, Resident Services, and Pastoral Services.
- Intergenerational activities have been postponed. The Children's Center remains open with parents and students entering/exiting through the Children's Center entrance only and undergoing the same screening process.

We fully acknowledge that these measures may be disruptive, but the health and safety of our residents and the community as a whole must take precedence. With these new protocols in place, don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your part in helping us lead with compassion, empathy, and understanding. We will continue to keep you informed as updates become available.

Sincerely,

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