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## COVID-19 Update

As a reminder, no one at Bayview has shown any signs or symptoms of COVID-19. According to the King County Department of Health, the best way of determining if someone has an infection is by taking the individual's temperature. 100.4 degrees is the threshold specifically recommended by the Department of Health and a reading of 100.4 degrees or above means you should not enter if you are a staff member, and should self-isolate or be placed on "contact precautions" as a resident. Staff members sent home will not be allowed into the building until 14 days after discovery. If staff are sent home, we recommend the staff member consult with their physician about testing if their symptoms continue to grow and are consistent with COVID-19 symptoms. **With staff screening and temperature readings already in place, we have recently learned as of Friday 3/13, new Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations:**

The CDC has recommended we take the temperature of all residents at Bayview. Starting **Monday 3/16**, we will be providing daily temperature readings of all Independent Living residents. In order to carry out this measure and be as least disruptive to your schedule as possible, we will conduct temperature screenings starting around 9:30 am. Those unavailable at that time will have their temperature taken in the afternoon following lunch. While this is voluntary, we strongly recommend your participation to ensure Bayview remains free from COVID-19. Residents in independent living who have a result of 100.4 or higher will be recommended to isolate to their apartments and contact their primary care provider for further guidance.

**As an additional note:** To date, the CDC and the Department of Health have not mandated testing for COVID-19 for the public. Testing only occurs when indications of COVID-19 symptoms are prevalent, and when ordered by a physician. Due to HIPAA rights, we are not at liberty to say if people have been tested or not at Bayview.

We thank all of you - residents and staff - for continuing to remain vigilant at this time. Please continue to practice good handwashing techniques and follow the recommended guidelines in place by Bayview, the CDC and the State of Washington.

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