



Friday, April 10, 2020

Message from our CEO

When I first started my job as Resident Services Coordinator at Bayview in 2001, one of my first tasks was to help organize Bayview's 40th anniversary celebration. Mayor Norm Rice was our keynote speaker, with former founding board member, mayor, and then current resident Gordon Clinton and his wife Florence in the audience. Here we are 19 years later, having just passed Bayview's 59th anniversary, and deep into the planning of our 60th anniversary celebration.

As many of you know, Bayview opened its doors to its first residents on April 5th, 1961. Some of our current residents are friends and family members of that initial "class" of residents. If you see Bill St. Rose ("Bill in billing") who began his career at Bayview over 40 years ago, he could share stories about some of those first residents, as could Chris Cabler Sr in Facilities. In the midst of this global pandemic we are unable to celebrate our 59th with an Annual Meeting and Dinner, as we have in years past. That just means that our 60th celebration will be that much greater!

We are deeply indebted to our founders and those that gave nurture and sustenance to this great community over these 59+ years. Bayview is so much more than a "retirement community" and so much greater than the sum of our parts. All those that have preceded us and follow us will become part of this great living, breathing, eternal whole that is Bayview. I am so blessed, honored, and humbled to be a small part of the rich and meaningful story that is Bayview. Thanks for being here. Thanks for sharing your lives with us. Thanks for being part of our rich history. Looking forward to toasting with all of you on the great occasion of our 60th anniversary when we can look back to the strength, resilience, and spirit that is Bayview with great promise and excitement for the next 60 years.

Warmly,

Nancy Weinbeck, CEO



COVID-19 Updates: A Message from Joel Smith

Another week has flown by, and by the grace of God, and our excellent team and residents, we are still COVID-19 FREE.

The past week has seen more change; the biggest of which affects us all. As of late last Friday, (April 3rd, 2020) the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has recommended ALL people in the United States wear a face mask. Healthcare personnel should wear medical grade masks while the general population should wear a “cloth” mask. Bayview has been able to purchase the same type of mask our employees have used for the past 3 weeks, for our residents. These masks are cotton, washable, and one-size fits all.

In efforts to continue keeping everyone safe and healthy, **Bayview is requiring ALL residents to wear masks whenever you are outside of your apartment.** The team is diligently doing some behind the scenes work to ensure there are enough masks for everyone and will distribute to all residents over the course of the next week. If you don't see someone with a mask just yet, please allow each other some grace as we streamline the mask distribution process. Please also remember these masks are only for our Bayview residents and staff as supplied are limited. Family and friends will need to acquire or purchase their own masks. Here are some more trending questions:

1. When do I need to wear my mask?

According to the CDC and a newly implemented Bayview protocol, you should wear your mask **anytime** and **every time** you are outside of your apartment. Therefore, if you go to the laundry room, you should wear your mask. If you go to check your mail, you should wear your mask. If you go to the Dog Park, you should wear your mask. If you go to the grocery store, you should wear your mask. The only place you should not need to wear your mask is when you are in your apartment, or when you are alone in your personal vehicle.

2. What type of mask do I need to wear?

This is a very large debate. Everyone seems to have an opinion about what type of mask is best to use! According to the CDC, and the Department of Health (DOH), healthcare personnel should wear medical grade masks. The general public may wear masks made of cloth. The CDC states, even bandanas are better than nothing! The facility is



currently using Cotton masks, and saving as many medical grade masks in the event the facility experiences an actual COVID-19 case. CDC has given detailed specifications on how to make masks. To find these specifications you may visit the CDC website, request the specs from Joel Smith.

3. Is it okay to visit with the homeless?

Many of us have a personal mission to assist the less fortunate. Although this is a noble cause, it is not recommended to fulfill this mission at this time. The federal government's stimulus package addresses many of the issues surrounding the homeless, and less fortunate, and is creating space, and shelters to assist with this problem throughout the United States. Agencies are being created, space is being reconfigured, and people are being employed to assist with the homeless population. The government recognizes the homeless and less fortunate population poses a HIGH-RISK source of potential COVID-19 exposure. Therefore, to protect ourselves, our families, our loved ones, our employees and our facility, it is best to let these agencies work with this population until a more secure future can be assured in this COVID-19 era.

4. What are you doing about the thermometer used for the daily temperature checks? It doesn't seem to be accurate.

Temperature readings are recorded every day during the resident temperature checks. Supplies for the protective ear barriers are limited related to supply shortages associated with COVID-19. The facility is using baggies to cover the ear piece thus giving the data potentially abnormal readings. However, this data is still reviewed and trended daily. Even though the data may not appear to be accurate, any data noted to be "unusual" or outside of the trend is flagged for a nurse to revisit the resident and check the temperature again using a different thermometer. The facility has purchased new "No-Touch" infrared thermometers on March 13th, 2020. Shipping has been delayed as a result of COVID-19. As soon as these new thermometers arrive, they will be put into service, and the old thermometers will be saved for back-up use only.

5. There has been a recent and growing concern about how Bayview is handling new admissions into our Skilled Nursing and Rehab facility. We wanted to share with you the following:

- Bayview is not accepting anyone who has been confirmed with COVID+ or people that we suspect of having it.



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- On Thursday, April 2, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) established new guidelines for a long-term care facility: any admission, through any level of care, must maintain a 14-day quarantine and be placed on droplet isolation precautions, which means that any staff needing to interact with resident will be wearing full Personal Protective Equipment at all times. This includes residents in Independent Living, Assisted Living and Memory Care, or the Health Center who are returning from the hospital, and any new admissions into any area of the building.

We recognize the impact the ever-evolving protocols have on daily life and there is no higher priority for Bayview than protecting the health and safety of our residents. Thank you for your continued vigilance in keeping us all safe.

Sincerely,

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