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A POINT OF VIEW

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COVID-19 Updates

This past week was relatively uneventful regarding COVID-19. Out of the 30 tests conducted that were faulty, only 10 of the residents and / or responsible parties consented to retesting which was conducted on May 19th, 2020. We decided to use a different laboratory this time in hopes our samples would not be rejected again. The results have returned, and all COVID-19 tests are negative!

The Quality, Safety, and Oversight Group from the Centers of Medicare Services posted new recommendations to State and Local officials regarding criteria for relaxing certain restrictions and mitigating the risk of resurgence of COVID-19. The Executive Team is meeting to interpret these recommendations and formulating detailed plans for Bayview. This is a daunting task, as essentially, nothing has changed. Globally, we have surpassed the five (5) million mark of confirmed COVID-19 cases proving COVID-19 is still unrelenting. COVID-19 is still opportunistic. COVID-19 is still just as deadly today as it was on March 3rd, 2020. This is the week to ask yourself “What can I do today to continue to mitigate Bayview’s risk of exposure to COVID-19?” This is the week to tell yourself “I will not give up!” So, say it loud, and say it proud! COVID-19 will not beat me! As long as we all keep these thoughts at the forefront of our minds, we will continue to remain COVID-19 free.

Trending Questions:

“I am running out of the supply of filters for the masks that were purchased by Bayview for us. Can I wear my mask without a filter?”

No. The mask supplied to you by Bayview has a “respirator valve” (the white plastic circle piece on the front, right side of the mask). Without the inside filter, this valve acts as a focused exit point for the vapors generated by your exhalations. There is not a sufficient barrier to prevent the microscopic virus particles from exiting the mask and infecting surrounding areas. If you are out of filters, please contact Heather Smith, or myself and we will give you more. Remember, one (1) filter lasts five (5) days of use. If you need help with an explanation of how to calculate usage days, please contact me at your convenience.

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