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COVID-19 Updates: A new beginning:

As we begin to navigate through reopening phases of the state, we have been diligently working on reopening plans at Bayview. We have updated our Pandemic Threat Level Grid and you will begin to see a measured and slow approach to opening. We are still in “Modified Threat Level IV”. All of our reopening measures are in consideration of current recommendations and standards of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Department of Health (DOH), Centers for Medicare Services (CMS), and Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS).

As restrictions scale back, there is always the possibility of needing to increase restrictions again in the future depending upon future rates of infection and / or regulatory requirements. As stated, many times before; the virus has not changed. COVID-19 still infects and kills many people and there is no approved vaccine as of yet. Therefore, we need to remain even more vigilant of infection control practices and universal source control as areas and services of the city and of Bayview reopen. Rest assured, we will continuously monitor our status to determine the best course of action to keep our residents healthy and safe.

Changes to our process beginning Monday June 22nd, 2020 include:

1. Quarantine process:

- a. We are moving to a “Test-Based” strategy. If you visit an Emergency Room or have a hospital stay, you may take an anti-viral COVID19 test within 24-hours of returning back to Bayview. With a negative result, you will only be placed in quarantine for 72 hours instead of 14 days. If you decide not to be tested, you will be placed in quarantine for 14 days as is the current practice. Tests received prior to 24-hours of admission will not be accepted for reduced quarantine purposes. Specialized precautions and measures must be made for people who did not receive testing prior to admission and wish to be tested while in the middle of a 14- day quarantine.
- b. Independent residents who need a test to avoid the lengthy quarantine process may speak with their Primary Care Physician for testing options or may find a drive-thru testing site in Seattle that conducts rapid result testing. Test results need to be shared with Janice Pate, Director of Nursing Services in the Health Center to initiate the shortened quarantine process. All test results will be kept confidential.

2. Employees working two (2) jobs:

- a. Again, we are moving to a “Test-Based” strategy. Employees that currently work on the Assisted Living Unit, Memory Care Unit, and Health Center have been specifically asked to work only one job since

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the beginning of the pandemic. This has placed a financial hardship on several employees, but have done so willingly as they understood the dangers of cross contamination when working at two locations. This was a temporary measure the facility enacted to keep Bayview free of COVID-19.

- b. The time has come to scale this back through “surveillance testing”. Employees that work two jobs will be able to return as long as they are tested for the presence of COVID-19 every 14-days. The incubation timeframe for COVID-19 is 14-days. Therefore, to test for the presence of the virus within this time frame will ensure the continued absence of the virus while working at Bayview. If the employee is found positive, they will follow the current “Return-toWork” guidelines from the CDC.

3. COVID-19 Screening:

- a. We have re-evaluated the need to screen Independent level residents on a daily basis. Beginning Monday, we will screen residents three times a week. (Skilled Nursing, Assisted Living, and Memory Care will continue daily screenings). Of course, if you are not feeling well, or if you feel you have a change in your health, please notify the Assisted Living Unit nurse and we will screen you as needed and make recommendations for further action including, but not limited to contacting your Primary Care Physician. Any resident not feeling well should self-isolate in their apartment until the symptoms of illness dissipate.

Sincerely,

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