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COVID-19 Updates:

This past week showed once again Bayview's progressiveness in the prevention of COVID-19. Governor Inslee announced earlier this week of the Statewide requirement to wear facemasks in public. Bayview initiated this requirement for our residents in mid-March; three and one-half (3-1/2) months earlier than the State requirement. As I have stated before in previous writings, Universal Source Control is one of the main contributing factors for our continued success in preventing COVID-19 at Bayview. It is unfortunate it took this long for the State to catch on.

We have all seen, at one point or another, the debate raging on about the use of facemasks and whether Universal Source Control is actually effective and necessary. Bayview stands as a model for the state that proper, and consistent use of facemasks (Universal Source Control) is truly effective in the prevention and spread of COVID-19.

In our everlasting efforts to strive for infection control prevention perfection, the Executive team conducted Universal Source Control audits over the past week, and what we found was encouraging, however, showed there is certainly room for improvement with the compliance of facemask use. Therefore, for a limited and undisclosed timeframe, Bayview will have a Universal Source Control Ambassador traversing the hallways of each floor, conducting "on-the-spot" education to our residents about the proper and consistent use of facemasks.

Please remember the "No-Fault" discussion I referred to in last week's memo. The Ambassador is not to point out faults, make a person feel bad, or to pick on any one individual. This is generalized training for all to ensure we are all properly educated to do our part to keep us safe and healthy. We have heard it before: "We are all in this together". As we move towards loosening some of our restrictions, Universal Source Control becomes more important than ever.

Sincerely,

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Attached is a fact sheet from the Washington State Department of Health regarding the use of facemasks, updated June 24, 2020 (For Web, please see link of PDF below). For more COVID-19 Information and Resources visit www.doh.wa.gov.

