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## **COVID-19 Updates:**

### **Message from our CEO**

I hope this week's message finds everyone safe and well. Since our last update, there have been changes regarding COVID-19 testing. While initially working with the Department of Health (DOH) in testing our Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF/Health Center), we were following DOH guidance regarding resident and staff compliance. At the time, testing was strongly encouraged but both residents and staff could opt out of testing. Then at the end of last week, DOH in coordination with the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) changed their stance and staff testing became a requirement. They are now also requiring testing for any Assisted Living facility that has a Memory Care component. Staff are required to test, residents may opt out.

### **What does this mean for Bayview?**

We went back to our staff this week who had declined testing and began testing those staff. We are also preparing to test residents and staff in Assisted Living (Danner's Way) and Memory Care (Dorothy's Place). Staff must comply since it is now required. Residents may opt out. Results from our initial staff testing in our Skilled Nursing Facility came back negative. As we learn the results of the remaining staff tests, we'll let you know.

We are also awaiting further news from Governor Inslee so we can slowly and carefully start rolling back restrictions while maintaining a high level of safety for our residents and staff.

Stay tuned for updates regarding Alexa devices. Our IT firm has run into some technical obstacles on the back end and we're waiting for the green light before we move forward.

In addition to dealing with COVID-19 our country is facing social/political stresses that can heighten our sense of isolation and anxiety. While we can't always know what others experience, think or feel, we must always try to understand and feel empathy for others. That's what makes us stronger as a community and as individuals.

Have a peaceful weekend everyone. Take care of yourselves and each other.

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