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December 30, 2020

COVID-19 Update

As part of our routine COVID-19 surveillance testing for Health Center residents, we wanted to share with you that one resident has tested positive today for COVID-19 in the Health Center. The initial test was conducted with the BinexNow antigen test kit with positive results. We confirmed the BinexNow test with a second positive test. We then conducted a third test to confirm the first 2 tests with the BD Veriator antigen test kit. The result was positive. **This brings a total of two positive cases at Bayview – 1 staff and 1 resident.**

Our staff have trained all year for this very situation and are fully prepared to meet this challenge. Here are the steps we are taking to mitigate further spread of infection:

- We have conducted a PCR test to confirm all antigen tests. The PCR test was sent to the University of Washington Laboratory, and we should know the results of the PCR test within the next 48-72 hours. The PCR test is the recognized type of test to confirm the active presence of COVID-19.
- We immediately tested all other residents – There were no more positive cases.
- We immediately tested all other staff members – There were no positive cases.
- We are continuing to conduct testing for the evening and night shift.
- We have conducted contract tracing of staff over the past 10 days and have tested all staff with potential exposure. All results returned negative.
- We are awaiting the results of our surface testing conducted yesterday (Tuesday 12/29/20).
- We have contacted the Department of Health (LHJ) and the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS).
- The resident with confirmed COVID-19 is asymptomatic and shows no signs of illness.
- The resident with confirmed COVID-19 is located in a room with no roommate.
- We have activated our emergency procedures for a viral outbreak.
- We have constructed an isolation area around the room to mitigate the spread of infection.
- Staff have been issued approved PPE including N-95 respirators and instructed on its use.
- 2 staff members have been identified to care only for the positive resident. Stringent and meticulous steps have been implemented to ensure the safety of the 2 staff members, the resident they are caring for, and the staff and residents around them.
- Testing will continue on a daily basis, at the direction of the LHJ and DSHS.
- Admissions to the Health Center have been stopped until further notice. Hospitals and Discharge Planners have been notified.
- Transfers from the Health Center to other locations of the facility have ceased until further notice.
- **All scheduled, outdoor Health Center visitations have been cancelled until further notice.**





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In a previous memo, we were slated to re-evaluate reopening of current Bayview restrictions on Monday, January 4th. However, Governor Inslee issued today a one-week extension of the statewide restrictions that will go through January 11, 2021. In addition, with the two confirmed cases of COVID-19, Bayview met the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC's) criteria for an outbreak. In accordance with CDC guidance, two (2) incubation periods of COVID-19 must pass from the last known COVID-19 infection, or last signs or symptoms of COVID-19 in order to "clear" a COVID-19 outbreak. Bayview will follow this guidance in conjunction with LHJ and DSHS recommendations and requirements, when considering the reopening of certain, limited activities such as the fitness center, small groups, the beauty shop, and visitation for Skilled Nursing families. **The projected date for reopening will be January 13th, 2021.** Again, this is contingent upon no further exposures or signs or symptoms of infections from residents or staff.

Vaccine Update

As we mentioned in the latest CEO [video message](#), we recently received dates and times for our on-site vaccination clinics for the COVID-19 vaccine. CVS will be administering the vaccine to residents in our Health Center and Assisted Living and all staff beginning Monday, January 4th. The leadership team has quickly moved forward with providing additional details and consent forms to residents, family members, and staff. It is our hope that the COVID-19 vaccine will soon be available to all residents at Bayview.

This is a tiring and often painful road to travel. Yet we are fighting the good fight. Thank you for your enduring patience and we will continue to update you on any new information.

Sincerely,

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