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January 6, 2021

COVID-19 Update

Dear Bayview Community,

We wanted to give you an update on where we stand with the presence of COVID-19 at Bayview. We want to assure you once again, our staff has been preparing for a situation like this for the better part of 2020 and is fully prepared to meet this challenge head on.

Here is our current situation:

- Bayview has met the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC's) conditions of a COVID-19 outbreak.
- **There are a total of 6 positive cases of COVID-19 at Bayview:**
 - 1 Health Center resident – who remains asymptomatic and feeling well.
 - 1 Health Center, non-caregiver, employee – who is asymptomatic and has not returned to work.
 - 3 Assisted Living residents (non-memory care) –
 - 1 resident who was transported to the hospital
 - 1 resident who is exhibiting signs of illness NON-COVID-19 related
 - 1 resident who is now exhibiting signs of illness related to COVID-19 exposure
 - 1 Assisted Living, caregiver employee – who remains asymptomatic and was immediately sent home to verify the results through PCR testing.
 - There were two (2) other employees that tested positive outside of Bayview in October 2020, as previously reported. These results did not count towards Bayview's current infection rate and total numbers.
- The facility is in the process of working collaboratively with the families and physicians of the affected residents to consolidate and cohort the affected residents to a dedicated area on the Health Center. This will assist to reduce the chance of further exposure. This process will be completed no later than January 6th, 2021.
- A temporary containment field has been erected around the rooms of the affected residents on the Health Center (HC). Windows are cracked open and fans are circulating air within the rooms to reduce the potential exposure risk.
- Dedicated staff have been reassigned to solely care for the affected residents. The dedicated staff will only care for the affected residents and no others.
- Dedicated staff utilize different entry and screening points in and out of the facility to minimize the risk of exposure.





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- Dedicated staff utilize dedicated and quarantined areas, away from the rest of the employees for breaks and lunches.
- Dedicated staff have been fit-tested with N-95 respirators and emergency Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- Emergency PPE has been distributed among the AL and HC units for all staff to utilize following the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC's) emergency guidelines for optimizing PPE supplies.
- Employees are not working between AL and HC until further notice.
- Even though exposed residents have been moved to the Health Center, the Assisted Living Unit remains an "Outbreak" area and therefore is under strict quarantine.
- **Our testing strategy is as follows:**
 - Employees working with exposed residents are tested daily.
 - Employees working with exposed residents are screened four (4) times per shift.
 - Employees not working with exposed residents are tested every-other-day.
 - Employees working in the AL or HC units and who work two (2) jobs (one at Bayview and one off-site), are tested each time they are in the facility (or daily).
 - Residents and employees identified through contact tracing as a risk for exposure are tested daily.
 - Employees with positive results have been immediately sent home to follow the CDC Return-to-Work guidelines.
- Contract tracing is complete and the employees and residents at risk have been identified, contacted, and tested. Tests results remain negative.
- **All scheduled, outdoor visitation for Assisted Living, Memory Care, and Skilled Nursing have been ceased until further notice.** Life Enrichment staff are assisting with virtual visits as able.
- Home care has been temporarily stopped and will resume when staff are available to work Home Care schedules without the risk of cross contamination from the AL unit to other areas of the facility.
- The Executive team is reviewing current staffing levels to determine who and how often staff may be able to work from home to limit the amount of exposure into the facility.
- The King County Department of Health (LHJ) and the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) have been informed of our situation and is providing guidance as needed and necessary.

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- Beginning today, January 6, 2021, if there are no further positive cases of COVID-19, the Assisted Living and Health Center units will clear from quarantine on January 20th, 2021.
- After January 20th, 2021, if there continues to be no further positive cases of COVID-19, the Assisted Living and Health Center units will clear the Outbreak on February 3rd, 2021.

What we do not know:

- Our investigation of how the virus entered the Health Center is not clearly understood. Through contact tracing and testing strategies, we are unable to determine how the virus entered the Health Center. We can make assumptions about how it may have entered, but the data and investigation do not support a clear route of exposure.
- Our investigation of how the virus entered the Assisted Living is still under investigation but is also not showing one (1) clear path of exposure. Bayview is working diligently with the Department of Health to determine if there is more definitive information to review to determine the virus's path to infection.

In accordance with our Threat Level Grid, Bayview has moved to the highest level of Threat Level V. Here are the things you can do to help contain this outbreak:

- **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR APARTMENT FOR THE NEXT 14-DAYS:**
Unless there is a critical emergency, you should not have to leave your apartment, at all, for the next 14-days. 14-days is one (1) complete COVID-19 virus incubation cycle. We strongly encourage you to consider Bayview being in a "Lockdown" situation. If you have upcoming medical appointments, you should call your provider and tell them of our outbreak situation and try to reschedule for a telehealth or phone visit instead. Facilities and Environmental Services will continue to transport packages from the front area to your door if you order items on-line. Your newspaper will be delivered to your front door in the morning.
- **DO NOT ENGAGE OR VISIT WITH STAFF AS ITEMS (SUCH AS MEALS) ARE DELIVERED TO YOUR DOOR:**
As much as our staff understands the threat and dangers of COVID-19, and attempts to remain safe and healthy, employees still pose the largest exposure risk to our residents living at Bayview. Employees want to give the utmost respect to our Bayview residents. It is respectful to limit contact as much as possible to reduce your risk of exposure keeping you safe and healthy too.





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- **DO NOT UTILIZE THE ASSISTED LIVING THROUGHWAY AS PASSAGE TO OTHER PARTS OF THE FACILITY:**

If it is absolutely necessary for you to leave your apartment, do not enter second (2nd) floor for elevator use, or use the stairwell to the second (2nd) floor Assisted Living area. ASSISTED LIVING is under quarantine until further notice and entry is restricted.

- **PHONES OFF THE HOOK, BATHROOM PULL CORDS, AND TOGGLE CALLS:** These will be handled by the Facilities department. Clinical issues will be addressed by the appropriate staff on an individualized basis.

It goes without saying, but we must continue to **stay vigilant**. Our experience these past nine months has shown us that while the virus is relentless, **so are we**. We will continue to update you as any new information comes our way.

Sincerely,

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