



# BAYVIEW

A POINT OF VIEW

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## COVID-19 Updates

### Surface Testing:

We have received the latest surface testing breakdown just this morning. The tests reveal there is now a high presence of exposure on 6<sup>th</sup> floor, a medium presence of exposure on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor, and a borderline detection on the 9<sup>th</sup> floor.

High = More than 2500 viral particles detected.  
Medium = Between 440 and 2499 viral particles detected.  
Low = Between 220 and 439 viral particles detected.  
Borderline = Evidence to support less than 219 viral particles detected.

Specific items that were tested on all common area floor were:

1. Chair arm rests.
2. Small table surfaces.
3. Telephone receiver.

Even with heightened sanitation efforts, the presence of COVID-19 was still detected on surfaces.

Bayview's actionable items:

1. We are continuing to focus our sanitation efforts on all floors with special emphasis on 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> floors.
2. We are continuing "enhanced, Monday through Friday Independent resident screenings.
3. We are continuing weekly resident and staff testing on the Health Center.
4. We are continuing weekly resident and staff testing on the Assisted Living area.
5. We are continuing to conduct surveillance camera footage reviews for contact tracing purposes.
6. We will be conducting targeted room surface testing beginning January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021. We will knock on your door and ask for permission to conduct surface testing within apartments.

### Quarantine Process:

Today marks the day the Assisted Living area is out of quarantine. Here is a list of changes:

1. At risk for weight loss, Assisted Living residents will be able to dine in the Assisted Living Dining room, at individual tables. Dining areas are monitored by clinical staff to assist residents with dining to prevent or avoid significant weight loss while maintaining infection control safety.

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2. Assisted Living residents are not confined to their apartments. Although we encourage our residents to stay in their apartments as much as possible, residents may transit within the Assisted Living area on an individualized, and self-directed pace.
3. Assisted Living residents may walk outside on the Terrace level during the specific Assisted Living time frames. Either accompanied by Activity staff or self-directed, all residents must continue to practice proper universal source control, hand hygiene, and social distancing. Assisted living residents are strongly discouraged from visiting with other care level residents or staff and must transit only to and from the outdoor Terrace level walking area to the Assisted Living unit.

**Bayview's "Outbreak" in Independent Living and Assisted Living continues through February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021** (unless new suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 occurs). With the positive Health Center employee, the Health Center's "Outbreak" will continue through February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

The Executive team strongly encourages you to continue your efforts to minimize your exposure by remaining inside your apartments. Travel outside should only be for essential business, and any travel should always include the proper use of facemasks, proper hand hygiene, and social distancing. Please refer to recent past memos for explanations of "essential" business.

#### **Some Reminders:**

- Please, always properly wear your facemask – EVEN WHEN NOBODY IS AROUND. Expelled vapors will be caught inside of your mask and not float in the air or onto other surfaces for others to be exposed to.
- Ensure your mask is above your nose and below your chin. Facemasks are not effective in containing vapors if only the mouth is covered. Facemasks are only effective if BOTH nose and mouth are covered at the same time.
- Please do not lower your facemask when talking on the phone. The phone will be directly exposed to contaminated vapors and will infect others who use the phone. Vapors will transmit around your cell phone onto other surrounding surfaces exposing others who travel through the same location.
- Please do not lower your facemask when talking to others in person. Your facemask is rendered ineffective at protecting others when you lower your mask to speak. The purpose of the facemask to catch vapors. Lowering the mask below your mouth and nose allows vapors to be released in the air.
- Please use filters inside the Bayview provided masks. If you have run out of filters, ask Heather Smith – 2313, or Jamie Hart – 2107 for refills. As a reminder, filters are only good for 5 days of use. They must be discarded after the 5<sup>th</sup> day of use. Filters can NOT be washed and reused.
- If you are using disposable masks, dispose at least daily or when visibly soiled. Much like filters, disposable masks can NOT be washed and reused.



Epidemiological exposure rates show an increasing trend of COVID-19 infections in King County. As of January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, there were a total of 759 cases of COVID-19 in one day. This is up from 52 cases in one day on December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We also see the presence of COVID-19 within the walls of Bayview with our surface testing. We will attempt to identify where the exposure may come from with your assistance to test within your apartments. Requests will come to those that have been identified through contact tracing efforts by surveillance footage.

Once Bayview (excluding Health Center) clears the “Outbreak” we will follow the Governor’s new safe start initiatives for Washington State. If our Outbreak cleared today, most services and amenities would still be closed within Bayview according to the Governor’s plan. Vaccinations are on the horizon, but the pandemic is far from over.

### Vaccination Process:

Bayview has finally received communication from CVS about our vaccination process.

- 1. January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 will be the date for ALL residents, including Independent Living, and staff to be vaccinated. A detailed plan will be outlined before the end of the week to communicate how the vaccination process will flow.**
2. Consent forms will be filled out this week and entered into the CVS system to expedite the vaccination process. Heather Smith will work with the Independent Living residents to complete this process. Pamela Yeo is working with the Assisted Living residents and families and Janice Pate is working with the Skilled Nursing residents and families to expedite this process.
3. Unfortunately, the January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 clinic dates have been cancelled. There was no explanation provided to Bayview why these were cancelled.

This pandemic is not easy. I know we all wish we could waive a “magic wand” and have all of this disappear. However, it takes persistence, dedication, and constant awareness to stay safe and healthy. Thank you to all for exercising your best judgement, wisdom, and experience to safely navigate through these turbulent times as the potential consequences of our actions have become life or death.

Sincerely,



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