



BAYVIEW

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COVID-19 Updates

RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

Thank you to all personnel involved for making “Vaccination Day” a resounding success. In all, we vaccinated 384 people on Monday January 25th, 2021. Not only did this take detailed planning, but it also took precise coordination and implementation from many, many team members who performed flawlessly. Our partner Pharmacists at CVS were very professional and impressed with our coordination, stating “it made our (the Pharmacist’s) job easier. Everyone should take a bow or pat a “virtual” back for a job well done!

VACCINATION DAY – PART TWO

For everyone who received their first vaccination shot on January 25th, 2021 – please reserve February 15th, 2021 for “Vaccination Day – Part Two”! If at all possible, schedule all other events around this day and dedicate February 15th, 2021 as the day to receive a second shot. It is imperative to receive a second vaccination or “Booster Shot” to obtain the full effectiveness of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination.

Without the booster shot, Pfizer estimates the efficacy of the vaccination to be 50-55% effective at preventing COVID-19. With the booster shot, Pfizer estimates the efficacy of the vaccination to be 95% effective at preventing COVID-19.

February 15th, 2021 will be the last clinic date available to receive the vaccination at Bayview. No “first dose” vaccinations will be given at the February 15th, 2021 clinic date, only booster shots.

Pfizer and CVS recommend receiving a booster shot after 21-days of receiving your initial shot, but no later than 28-days after receiving your initial shot. Pfizer suggests, even if a person is unable to receive the second vaccination within the recommended time frame of 21-28 days, to still receive the second vaccination as soon as possible thereafter. Pfizer does not know the efficacy of vaccination as there is not enough data yet to determine specific COVID-19 prevention results.

POST VACCINATIONS

There have been many questions about what life will look like post vaccination and how quickly can we return to “normal”. The Governor has changed plans from the “Safe-Start” plan, to the “Roadmap to Recovery” plan. The Governor’s plan specifically outlines requirements for “Regions” of the state to reopen services and amenities.



The regulating agency for Long-Term Care, the **Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)** has created a plan, in part in conjunction with the Governor's Roadmap to Recovery plan for reopening services and amenities called the Long-Term Care Safe-Start plan. For the first time since the inception of the pandemic, DSHS has included Life Plan Communities in their guidance. DSHS has decided to deviate from the Governor's plan by outlining requirements for Long-Term Care settings by "County" instead of "regions".

Over the course of the upcoming days and weeks, you will receive more information from the Executive team on what Bayview's reopening will consist of and look like. **We are slated to reopen limited activities (Beauty Salon, scheduled outdoor visitation for Assisted Living & Memory Care, Fitness Center, Small group activities) on Wednesday, February 3rd.** Scheduled outdoor visitation for Skilled Nursing families is slated to re-open on February 15th. Please be on the lookout for another memo with greater details early next week. For now, the important concept to remember is:

Even with vaccination, universal source control, social distancing and proper infection control hygiene must be maintained at all times inside and outside of Bayview's walls.

Essentially, nothing has changed. According to the **Center's for Disease Control (CDC)** and Pfizer, there is not enough data or evidence to support if vaccine prevents vaccinated people from carrying the virus. In other words, even though you may have been vaccinated, you may still carry the COVID-19 virus to others that have not received the vaccination, thus infecting others around you.

Instead, reopening relies upon Infection cases per 100,000 people over a 14-day period. The COVID-19 Risk Assessment Dashboard (www.coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/roadmap-recovery-metrics) shows this rate which is updated almost daily. The good news is, as more people get vaccinated, the infection rate will decrease, which, in turn, will increase the services and amenities we will be able to return to and enjoy.

Sincerely,



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