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Wednesday, January 13, 2021

COVID-19 update:

On January 6th, we reported a total of 4 positive cases of COVID in our Assisted Living (AL) residence – 3 residents and 1 staff and 2 positive cases in our Health Center (HC) – 1 resident and 1 staff, bringing a total of 6 cases. The positive cases in Health Center are now considered old, as the employee has returned to work and the resident is out of quarantine. **We also wanted to share with you that 3 out of the 4 cases in Assisted Living were confirmed false positives. As of Wednesday, January 13, this brings our total count of positive cases of COVID to *1 resident in Assisted Living.**

Here is a further breakdown of Bayview's COVID-19 status:

Assisted Living Cases:

- *1 AL resident tested negative utilizing an antigen test at Bayview but was later sent on the same day to the Emergency room where the resident tested positive using a PCR lab test. PCR tests are far more accurate than rapid antigen tests and are used as the standard for COVID-19 test results. **The resident is still in the hospital and is doing well.**
- 2 AL residents that initially tested positive for COVID-19 utilizing an antigen test had 2 PCR tests conducted. Both PCR tests returned negative, meaning these AL residents experienced false positives and were never exposed to COVID-19. We are saddened to report that 1 of the residents subsequently passed away related to **Non-COVID-19 issues** as the resident was on hospice services. Our sincere condolences to family and friends of this beloved resident. The other resident currently remains on the Health Center for a temporary basis for rehabilitative 'tune up' before the resident can return to the apartment on the Assisted Living.
- The 1 staff member who tested positive utilizing an antigen test, received 2 PCR tests, both of which returned negative, meaning the staff member experienced a "false positive" and was never exposed to COVID-19.

Health Center Cases:

- 1 HC resident is currently out of quarantine and feeling well.
- 1 staff member has returned to work following the Department of Health's (DOH's) return-to-work guidelines.

Enviral Tech Update:

During our weekly, routine surface testing, there were two areas that showed the presence of COVID-19. Upon further testing, it was noted:

- There were **LOW positive results on the 6th floor common area,**
- **Inconclusive results** on the Bistro and Maintenance shop areas, and
- There were **MEDIUM positive results on the A-level area.**
- The following Key is a description of the levels of exposure:





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LOW Positive = Between 220 – 440 viral particles
MED Positive = Between 440 – 2500 viral particles
HIGH Positive = More than 2500 viral particles
Inconclusive = RT – PCR reaction was adversely affected by chemicals from the environmental surface that interfered with the detection – OR A very low signal was seen but was below the detection limit of the assay (below 220 viral particles).

- We are conducting further testing on A-level to determine the specific location(s) of potential exposure.
- Facilities and Environmental services are emphasizing sanitation efforts throughout Bayview, with a specific focus on the 6th, Bistro / Maintenance shop, and A-level areas.
- **Enhanced Independent Level screening:** Effective immediately and **through January 19th**, we will be conducting daily health screenings on all floors. In order to make this process efficient and least disruptive, a staff member will come by each respective apartment and will record both temperature and responses to the screening questions at the time of their visit. Thank you for your collaboration on this proactive preventative measure.

In Summary:

- **Since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020 - to date**, Bayview has experienced:
 - 3 employees with confirmed COVID-19. The cases are old and the employees have since returned to work.
 - 2 residents with confirmed COVID-19. 1 case is out of quarantine, and the other case is still in the hospital but recovering well.
 - **The facility is currently in an “Outbreak” through February 2nd, 2021 if there are no other signs or symptoms of COVID-19 or confirmed cases of COVID-19.**

We know it is a challenge to keep up with the changing numbers. **Bayview’s current COVID status is 1 COVID positive case. Please note this resident is still in the hospital and is doing well.**

With ever changing protocols and the constant stream of memos, COVID fatigue is real. We have to fight it and keep the good faith. Thank you for your unending resiliency. Please reach out with any questions at any time.

Sincerely,

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