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COVID-19 Update: Positive Case

I regret to report that Bayview has experienced another positive COVID-19 case. Here is what we know:

- A non-clinical, healthcare employee who last worked on Saturday, March 6th, 2021 tested positive for COVID-19 from an outside testing site.
- The employee is asymptomatic and does not show any signs or symptoms of illness.
- The employee has not been in the facility since March 6th, 2021 and did not have any direct contact with any resident at Bayview.
- The Health Center is now considered to be in an Outbreak status.
- Health Center small group activities, visitation and new admissions are temporarily suspended through March 24th, 2021.
- Health Center residents, staff, and other employees associated with the Health Center will be immediately tested to determine the exposure potential.
- Contact tracing reveals exposure occurred off-site, NOT at Bayview.
- This positive case does not count towards Bayview's infection rates.

This information came to light during today's Executive team meeting in which we discussed the loosening of restrictions within Bayview. The restrictions in consideration were:

- The reopening of the Terrace Garden Food Court. **Please note we are postponing the reopening to Wednesday, 3/17/21.**
- Ability to gather in private areas with other fully vaccinated residents.
- Allowance of Independent Living co-mingling.
- Opening the Fitness Center 7 days a week and with increased capacity.
- Larger outdoor fitness groups (weather dependent).
- The return of Vespers in a limited fashion in Albertson Center.
- Childcare children with limited outdoor Terrace level access.

This exposure comes as a stark reminder of the dangers of COVID-19. This pandemic is not over. Even with the new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Center's for Medicare Services (CMS) which loosen regulatory guidance and restrictions, we must remain vigilant, honoring the core principles of infection control – Universal Source Control (face mask usage), Hand Hygiene, and Social Distancing.

The Executive team has decided while we sift through the process of obtaining more information about this outbreak, we will take a cautious approach to the loosening of restrictions and wait to implement new Bayview recommendations and guidance. Make no doubt, we still have our sight on a hopeful path forward. Future memos will detail specific information of what is to come. If you have any further questions or concern, please contact me at 3357 at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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