



BAYVIEW

A POINT OF VIEW

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COVID-19 Update – Positive Cases

Once again, I am writing to inform our Bayview family of two positive cases discovered today (04/28/21). Here is what we know:

- A non-clinical, Assisted Living employee who last worked on April 27th, 2021, tested positive twice, using the facility's rapid antigen testing equipment.
- A resident on the Health Center tested positive twice, using the facility's rapid antigen testing equipment.
- The employee and the resident were immediately administered a PCR test to confirm the antigen test results. The test was sent to the laboratory, with results pending within the next 48-hours.
- IF PCR testing confirms the positive cases, this will be Bayview's first two "Break-Through" case, as both people were fully vaccinated.
- The employee was immediately sent home after testing.
- The resident is isolated, and in quarantine.
- A containment tent has been erected containing the isolated resident room to prevent the risk of exposure.
- Specific staff members are designated to care for the resident during the quarantine period.
- Emergency PPE has been distributed to the appropriate staff.
- The employee and resident were completely asymptomatic and did not show any signs or symptoms of illness.
- The employee did not have any direct contact with any resident at Bayview.
- Contact tracing is being conducted. Employees and residents noted with potential contact will be notified and tested.
- The King County Department of Health (LHJ), and the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) have been notified of the exposure, and Bayview is following all recommended guidance.
- This situation classifies Bayview in an "Outbreak" status in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC)'s definition.
 - Visitation on the Health Center, 2nd and 3rd floor Assisted Living is temporarily stopped until further notice.
 - Activities on the Health Center, 2nd and 3rd floor Assisted Living are temporarily suspended.
 - Residents on the Health Center, 2nd and 3rd floor are strongly encouraged to remain in their apartments until further testing can be completed.
 - Employees are strongly encouraged, and schedules have been adjusted, to reduce / limit travel between the Health Center and Assisted Living Unit to other floors of the facility.
 - The quarantine does not affect:
 - The Memory Care Unit
 - Independent Living
- Health Center and Assisted Living Residents and staff on the 2nd and 3rd floor will be tested every-other-day for, at least, the next five (5)-days to determine the extent of the potential exposure.
- Depending upon the extent of the exposure, the self-quarantine is anticipated to last at least seven (7) days.

Surface Testing Update:

The latest surface tests returned late yesterday (04/27/21) and showed low and medium viral loads in three (3) of the five (5) testing zones. The areas that were in these three zones include:

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- Common areas on each floor of the tower.
- The reception area on 2nd floor.
- The waiting area on the 1st floor.
- The Maintenance Shop.
- The main kitchen door.
- The Health Center.

These areas are being deeply sanitized over the next 72-hours to mitigate the spread of infection. As stated in earlier memo's, surface exposure means there are people actively "shedding" the virus. If viral loads continue to climb, a deeper dive into the specific testing locations will be conducted to further identify and mitigate exposure risks.

Even though the CDC has issued new sweeping guidance that liberalizes infection control practices throughout the nation, the Executive team has determined to maintain our current vigilance and high standards of infection control practice. Here's why:

1. The infection rate per 100,000 people in King County continues to climb. As of this writing the infection rate is: 229.3 which equals:
 - 5,274 people EACH DAY with a new positive COVID-19 exposure case in King County alone.
 - This level of community exposure is the highest since early January 2021 and is higher than the initial peak in April 2020.
2. Governor Inslee is scheduled to potentially roll-back the "Roadmap-to-Recovery" phase to Phase II.
3. Bayview has experienced a new positive case.
4. Bayview has positive surface testing exposure.

If the Governor reduces the County's phase to Phase II, more information will be distributed to all explaining how this will affect our activities at Bayview. Some anticipated changes are:

- Independent Living in apartment visitation would be suspended.
- Reduced limited seating for dining.
- Reduced class sizes for activities and the fitness center.
- Employee "to-go" meals provided only upon advanced request.

For now, your continued support and vigilance is more important than ever. More holidays are just around the corner and our resolve is being tested, as this pandemic is NOT over. Utilize the core principles of infection control.

- Constant and consistent use of Facemasks when in public.
- Consistent use of hand sanitizers.
- Frequent sanitation of your surroundings.
- Plan for safe OUTDOOR activities.
- Always practice social distancing when in public.

We have made it this far into the pandemic with a great track record of infection control and limited exposure because of everyone's efforts to stay safe and healthy. It has not been easy. We understand our sacrifices are not just for ourselves, but for our neighbors, our friends and family, and ultimately our community. We will continue to push forward and together we will see a brighter day ahead.

For any questions or concerns, please contact me at your convenience (3357).

Sincerely,



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