



BAYVIEW

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COVID-19 Updates

The Health Center has just become aware of another COVID-19 positive resident on May 5, 2021 at 2:15pm.

- The resident has been moved to the containment zone to be cared for by the dedicated COVID-19 staff.
- Residents and staff will continue to be frequently screened and tested to monitor for further exposure.
- Visitation will continue to be suspended on the Health Center until further notice.
- The Department of Health and the Department of Social and Health Services have been notified. The Health Center is following all guidance and recommendations from these agencies.
- This exposure resets the quarantine and outbreak clock. The Health Center will remain in quarantine through May 18th, 2021.
- The outbreak on the Health Center will clear on June 1st, 2021 barring any further signs or symptoms of COVID-19, or any further positive test results.

We can assure you the Health Center staff are working hard and doing everything possible to contain this outbreak. As we have seen from other facilities in the past, this is a daunting task, but we will overcome this obstacle in short order.

Other Updates:

Governor Inslee released a statement on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 announcing a two (2) week pause on the Roadmap to Recovery phase movement. This means Bayview will continue our current Independent Living visitation and activity protocols: up to two (2) visitors per day are allowed in an IL apartment, and up to ten (10) residents can meet in a group.

Updates from Last Week:

Some of you may have noticed new signage within the facility concerning our quarantine status. Over the past weekend, of May 1st, and 2nd, 2021, some visitors attempted to enter into the Assisted Living portion of the facility to see loved ones. Even though the visitors were knowledgeable about our current quarantine status, the visitors believed they had received prior "approval to visit" over a month ago, and this quarantine would not affect their visitation status. Unfortunately, this is not the case.

Residents, families, and staff should be aware of the current situations at any given time within the facility to make the appropriate decisions when approaching Assisted Living, Memory Care, or Skilled Nursing. Quarantine is just that, a quarantine. Only essential employees or compassionate care visitors are allowed in the area at this time. Hopefully, the signage now reflects these directives. Signage will be removed once it is determined the quarantine is no longer in effect.

The follow up PCR test results for both cases reported last week returned positive for COVID-19. Our contact tracing has led us to believe the positive cases were acquired through the community and were not contracted from Bayview staff or residents.

Assisted Living has completed the final rounds of testing. With no further positive cases, or with no current signs or symptoms of infection, the Assisted Living area is off quarantine beginning May 5, 2021.

- Scheduled visitation will resume.
- At risk dining will resume.
- Small group (four (4) or less), socially distanced activities will resume.

If you have questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Joel Smith at jsmith@bayviewseattle.org or ext. 3357.

Sincerely,

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