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COVID-19 Updates

FINALLY, SOME GOOD NEWS!!!!

The community rate of infection per 100,000 people has declined to levels not seen in over eight months. As of June 3, 2021, the King County rate of infection is 105.3 / 100,000. These rates have been on a steady decline for three (3) weeks, and there appears to be no signs of slowing down.

Bayview's restrictive COVID-19 measures have served the Bayview community well but have also been very difficult for all to deal with. Now, while continuing to take a measured approach, the Executive team has begun to liberalize our policy in conjunction with the falling community rates of infection.

Even though our policies are changing, we encourage residents to individually weigh the risks and benefits of increased potential exposure. Residents should remember the pandemic is not over yet, and break-through exposure is entirely possible.

Please be patient with others. While some residents may be ready to have source control "burning parties", other residents may have a considerable amount of anxiety and hesitancy surrounding the loosening of restrictions.

Below is a list of information and changes you can expect to see beginning June 7th, 2021:

Source Control (face masks):

Rates of infection have not lowered enough to a level where indoor source control can be modified or lifted. Therefore:

- Residents, visitors, and contractors must continue to wear facemasks in all public spaces inside of Bayview.
- Employees are required to wear facemasks at all times while in Bayview unless eating or drinking in approved spaces. Employees are Healthcare Workers (HCWs), and current CDC guidance excludes HCWs from the liberalized source control guidance.

General Guidance:

- Visitors will be required to attest to the current understanding and compliance of Bayview's infection control policies upon entry to the facility. Copies of current policy are available upon request at the reception desk.
- Continue one (1) focal entry point for visitors and staff for the initial entrance into the facility.
- After successful initial screening, staff and visitors may access entry to the facility from any access point with proof of screening tag.
- If visitors leave the facility for more than 1 hour, visitors must rescreen at the main entrance upon return to the facility.
- Increase the elevator capacity to:
 - Small elevator - 3 people or less.
 - Large elevator – 5 people or less.
- Allow scheduled vaccinated volunteers, including live performances in all care areas. For volunteer information please contact:



- Independent Living: Heather Smith – 2313 (If dialing from the outside, please dial our main number 206.284.7330 and ask for appropriate staff.)
- Assisted Living / Memory Care: Lynn Arntuffus – 3342
- Health Center: Lynn Arntuffus – 3342
- Continue to strongly encourage all residents and staff to obtain vaccination. Vaccination trips to Mercury pharmacy are available every Tuesday and Thursday. Contact Janice Pate at 3354 to schedule your vaccination.

Independent Living:

- Continue to practice the core principles of infection control.
- Increase indoor group sizes to 10 people or less with source control, without social distancing.
- Increase indoor group sizes to 20 people or less with source control, with social distancing.
- Increase outdoor group sizes to 25 people or less with source control and without social distancing.
- Increase outdoor group sizes to 50 people or less with source control and social distancing.
- Increase indoor dining table groups to six (6) or less people.
- Increase the frequency of in-room visits to two (2) visits per day.
 - Increase the duration of in-room visits to two (2) hours per visit.
 - Visitors are still not allowed in public areas, in-room visits only.
 - Maintain the visitation limit of two (2) visitors per visit.
- Residents may now request guest meals to be delivered to their apartment for a customary fee allowing visitors to eat with loved ones in their apartment. Please contact Dan Galvin at 2131 for more information.
- Residents from the regulated sections of the facility may now come together, off of the regulated unit, with unregulated residents.
 - Facemasks and social distancing must be observed during comingling exchanges at all times.
 - Regulated residents may not eat in unregulated areas yet.
- Reservations for private parties of 10 or less with source control and social distancing will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Please contact Heather Smith at 2313 or Dan Galvin at 2131 for more information.

Assisted Living:

- Continue to practice the core principles of infection control.
- Communal dining in Assisted Living is allowed, four (4) per table, on an assessed basis.
- Increase indoor group sizes to 10 people or less, with source control, without social distancing as assessed.
- Maintain visitor escorts to and from the Assisted Living area.
- Scheduled indoor, in-apartment visitation is allowed. Please contact Pamela Yeo for at 2127 for further information.
- Scheduled indoor, public visitation in designated areas is allowed (space permitting).
- Increase indoor visitation duration to two (2) hours per visit.
- Increase indoor visitation to two (2) visits per week.
- Maintain the visitation limit of two (2) visitors per visit.
- Unlimited outdoor visitation (red bench as space allows) visits are unmonitored; however, visitors must appropriately screen at the main entrance prior to the outdoor visit.
 - Increase outdoor visitation limit to four (4) visitors per outdoor visit.
 - Source control and social distancing is still required for outdoor visits.



Health Center / Skilled Nursing:

- Continue to practice the core principles of infection control.
- Communal dining in the Health Center is allowed, four (4) per table, on an assessed basis.
- Maintain visitor escorts to and from the Health Center area.
- Scheduled indoor, in-room visitation is allowed.
 - Please contact Janice Pate at 3354 for further information.
- Scheduled indoor and courtyard, public visitation in designated areas is allowed (space permitting).
 - Source control and social distancing is still required for outdoor visits.
 - Please contact Janice Pate as listed above for more information.
- Increase indoor visitation duration to two (2) hours per visit.
 - Increase indoor visitation to two (2) visits per week.
 - Maintain the visitation limit of two (2) visitors per visit.

Memory Care:

- Continue to practice the core principles of infection control.
- Scheduled indoor and courtyard visitation is allowed in designated areas only.
 - Contact Pamela Yeo at 2127 for scheduling information.
- Visitors need to be escorted into and out of memory care before and after visitation.
- Maintain indoor and courtyard visitation to two (2) visitors at a time.
- Increase indoor and courtyard visitation duration to one (1) hour.
- Increase the frequency of indoor and courtyard visitation to two (2) visits per week.
- Facemasks and social distancing requirements must be observed as much as possible during all Memory Care visits.

Community rates of infection between 75 – 150 represents a “murky” time in determining what is safe and what is not safe. The Executive team is maintaining a controlled and measured response to our changing environment. As rates of infection continue to decline, the Executive team will continue to move in the direction of liberalization and return to our new “normal”.

Thank you for your continued support and vigilance of mitigating the spread of infection. If you have any further questions or comments, please contact me at your convenience at jsmith@bayviewseattle.org or 3357.

Sincerely,



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