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MEMO

COVID-19 Update

Many of you may have been following the county rates of infection for COVID-19. As of today, Monday July 26, 2021, the King County Rates of Infection for COVID-19 are 72.1 per 100,000 people. This rate has been on a slow, but steady increase since the beginning of July. The Executive team is now issuing a strong recommendation that all residents return to wearing facemasks while in public areas of Bayview.

The Executive team is carefully watching the King County Rates of Infection and anticipate if the rates of infection climb over 75.0 per 100,000 people, there may be a tightening of restrictions in the very near future. Regardless of vaccination status, some potential restrictions may include, but are not limited to:

- Required face mask use while in public spaces for all.
- Restriction of visitors in public spaces.
- Return to scheduled visitation in regulated areas (Assisted Living, Memory Care, Skilled Nursing).
- Restriction of comingling residents among regulated areas.
- Reduced group sizes.
- Reduced elevator capacities.

The above list is a generalization of what may change. A more detailed memo will follow if more restrictive measures are necessary to implement.

The imposition of restrictions is a setback to our way of life at Bayview. However, Bayview has been recognized by state agencies as leaders in the fight to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. We have come too far in our journey to abandon our efforts now. Continue to practice the core principles of infection control. Mainly:

- Utilize good sanitation practices.
- Use Alcohol Based Hand Rubs (ABHR's) frequently on your hands.
- Use source control (facemasks) when in public and,
- Social distance (at least six (6) feet) from others.

Together we will continue to remain safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

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