



BAYVIEW

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MEMO

COVID-19 Updates

This memo is lengthy. We are reporting on the lifting of restrictions in Independent Living, Assisted Living, and Memory Care as well as an update for Health Center families and staff. These differences are subtle so please refer to the section that is appropriate for you. The following liberalization of restrictions may cause feelings of both elation and caution. For the safety of our community, please continue to honor the core principles of infection control – Universal Source Control (face mask usage), Hand Hygiene, and Social Distancing.

Bayview has received guidance from the King County Department of Health (LHJ) concerning our recent outbreak. The guidance states:

- Exposure was discovered on A-Level.
- A-Level is separated from the Tower by corridors and elevators.
- A-Level is quarantined through July 19th, 2021. Skilled Nursing is currently under quarantine through July 19th as a precaution and recommendation from LHJ, not due to infection.
- The Tower may continue with regular policy and guidance.
- Unvaccinated employees that were exposed to the employees that tested positive must quarantine at home for 14-days after last signs or symptoms of illness.
- Bayview's current "outbreak" will potentially end on August 2nd, 2021, pending any further positive results of exposure.

INDEPENDENT LIVING RESIDENTS:

Bayview will continue with the liberalization of current restrictions. **Effective immediately:**

1. **Vaccinated** residents of Independent Living will be allowed to remove facemasks while in public spaces. With this liberalization, Bayview asks that residents continue to carry a facemask with them at all times to allow residents to don their mask when:
 - a. When entering regulated areas including Assisted Living, Memory Care, or Skilled Nursing.
 - b. A resident enters an enclosed and poorly ventilated space such as an elevator.
 - c. A resident enters an area with a large number of people that are not socially distanced.
 - d. A resident knows they are close to an unvaccinated person.
 - e. A resident becomes anxious or fearful of exposure in the situation they currently find themselves in.
2. **Unvaccinated** Independent Living residents must continue to wear facemasks while in public spaces.
3. The number of visitors per resident is increased to three (3) visitors at a time at a recommended duration of three (3) hours per visit. 1 visit per day is still recommended.
4. Visitors will be allowed to visit in public spaces with the residents they came to visit.
 - a. Visitors must continue to attest to the current Governor's "Washington Ready" proclamation and the facility's infection control policies. This includes truthful and honest screening at reception.
 - b. Although indoor visitation is allowed, outdoor visitation is the safest place to visit in order to reduce the risk of exposure.
 - c. **Regardless of vaccination status, visitors must continue to wear facemasks in public spaces including outdoors on the Bayview campus.** This policy may change as the King County rates of infection per 100,000 people declines (currently 40.0 per 100,000 as of 07/09/21).
 - d. At this time, visitors are not allowed to eat with residents in public spaces related to space limitations. This policy may change soon with updates provided by Dan Galvin, Director of Culinary Services.



- e. Vaccinated visitors may relax facemask use when in the resident's individual apartment as allowed by the resident.
- f. As a reminder, unvaccinated visitors may not visit unvaccinated residents inside Bayview. Un-vax to Un-vax visitation may only occur outdoors.

CO-MINGLING: INDEPENDENT LIVING, ASSISTED LIVING, AND MEMORY CARE:

1. Vaccinated Independent and Assisted Living residents may co-mingle within the facility, on and off regulated areas.
 - a. Independent Living residents are required to wear facemasks when in public spaces on Assisted Living and Memory Care.
 - b. In Assisted Living and Memory Care, vaccinated Independent Living residents may relax facemask use when visiting inside a resident's apartment as the resident allows. Independent residents should ask the resident they are visiting if it is okay to relax their facemask use.
 - c. Independent Living residents may **not** eat in the Assisted Living or Memory Care dining rooms.

ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS:

1. **Vaccinated** Assisted Living residents are allowed to remove facemasks while in public spaces. With this liberalization, Bayview requires Assisted Living residents to continue to carry a facemask with them at all times to allow residents to don their mask when:
 - a. An unvaccinated resident becomes present within the space the vaccinated resident is in.
 - b. A resident enters an enclosed and poorly ventilated space such as an elevator.
 - c. A resident enters an area with a large number of people that are not socially distanced.
 - d. A resident becomes anxious or fearful of exposure in the situation they currently find themselves in.
2. **Unvaccinated** Assisted Living residents must continue to wear facemasks in public spaces.
3. Visitation protocols have changed to the following:
 - a. **Unscheduled visitation:** Visitation is open during visiting hours of 8:00am to 8:00pm, Sunday through Saturday. If visitation is needed prior to, or after visiting hours, please contact Pamela Yeo (**206-281-5755**, pyeo@bayviewseattle.org, ext. 2127).
 - b. The number of visitors per resident is increased to three (3) visitors at a time at a recommended duration of three (3) hours per visit. 1 visit per day is still recommended.
4. Visitors will be allowed to visit in public spaces with the residents they came to visit.
 - a. Visitors must continue to attest to the current Governor's "Washington Ready" proclamation and the facility's infection control policies. This includes truthful and honest screening at reception.
 - b. Although indoor visitation is allowed, outdoor visitation is the safest place to visit in order to reduce the risk of exposure.
 - c. **Visitors must continue to wear facemasks in public spaces including outdoors on Bayview campus.** This policy may change as the King County rates of infection per 100,000 people declines (currently 40.0 / 100,000 - 07/09/21).
 - d. Visitors are not allowed to eat with residents in public spaces related to space limitations.
 - e. Vaccinated visitors may relax facemask use when in the resident's individual apartment as allowed by the resident.
 - f. As a reminder, unvaccinated visitors may not visit unvaccinated residents inside Bayview. Un-vax to Un-vax visitation may only occur outdoors.
5. Assisted Living residents may not eat in Terrace dining room, 10th floor, Bistro area, or Terrace patio due to regulatory requirements and space restrictions.

MEMORY CARE:

1. Vaccinated Memory Care residents will no longer be continually encouraged to wear facemasks when in public spaces unless an unvaccinated person is present.
2. Visitation protocols have changed to the following:
 - a. **Unscheduled visitation:** Visitation is open during visiting hours of 8:00am to 8:00pm, Sunday through Saturday. If visitation is needed prior to, or after visiting hours, please contact Pamela Yeo (206-281-5755, pyeo@bayviewseattle.org, ext. 2127).



- b. The number of visitors per resident is increased to no more than two (2) visitors at a time to maintain a calm environment.
 - c. The duration of each visit is increased to three (3) hours for each visit.
 - d. Bayview strongly suggests residents continue with only one (1) visit each day.
3. Visitors will be allowed to visit in public spaces with the exception of the dining room in Memory Care. However, public visitations should be limited as possible.
- a. Visitors must continue to attest to the current Governor’s “Washington Ready” proclamation and the facility’s infection control policies. This includes truthful and honest screening at reception.
 - b. Although indoor visitation is allowed, outdoor visitation is the safest place to visit in order to reduce the risk of exposure. The memory care courtyard is open for outdoor visitation.
 - c. If a visitor intends to take their loved one off of Memory Care, please inform the Nurse or Pamela Yeo (206-281-5755, pyeo@bayviewseattle.org, ext. 2127) prior to the visit.
 - d. **Visitors must continue to wear facemasks in public spaces including outdoors on Bayview campus.** This policy may change as the King County rates of infection per 100,000 people declines (currently 40.0 / 100,000 - 07/09/21).
 - e. Visitors are not allowed to eat with residents in public spaces related to space limitations.
 - f. Vaccinated visitors may relax facemask use when in the resident’s individual apartment as allowed by the resident.
 - g. As a reminder, unvaccinated visitors may not visit unvaccinated residents inside Bayview. Schedule outdoor, monitored, red bench, un-vax to un-vax Memory Care visitation with Pamela Yeo (206-281-5755, pyeo@bayviewseattle.org, ext. 2127).

HEALTH CENTER: SKILLED NURSING

1. In accordance with the King County Department of Health, the Skilled Nursing Unit will be in a quarantine status through July 19th, 2021.
 - a. Indoor visitation has been suspended and will resume on July 20th, 2021, if no further positive exposures occur.
 - b. Group dining restrictions are in place allowing at risk for weight loss residents to eat in the dining room only until July 20th, 2021, if no further positive exposures occur.
 - c. Skilled Nursing Residents may leave the facility for essential business.
 - d. Skilled Nursing Residents should refrain from leaving the Health Center while in quarantine.
 - e. If no further exposures occur, Bayview’s outbreak will end on August 2nd, 2021.

FITNESS CENTER AND POOL

The fitness center will be open for regular operations beginning Monday July 12th, 2021.

1. Maintain social distance from others while utilizing gym equipment or attending exercise classes.
2. Please continue to sanitize equipment before and after use.
3. Vaccinated residents are allowed to remove facemasks while utilizing gym equipment or attending exercise classes.
4. Vaccinated residents in the gym with unvaccinated residents are strongly recommended to don their facemask.
5. Unvaccinated residents must wear facemasks in the fitness center, as it is considered a public space.
6. Pool occupancy – sign-ups will still be required for the pool at this time.
7. Assisted Living residents may only use the pool with proper supervision. Please speak with Pamela Yeo (206-281-5755, pyeo@bayviewseattle.org, ext. 2127) for further information.

ALL THE BUZZ SALON

The salon will maintain its regular operation hours Tuesday-Friday.

1. Vaccinated residents may remove masks during their service.
2. Unvaccinated residents must wear their facemask in the salon as it is considered a public area.
3. Occupancy is limited to two vaccinated residents and their corresponding household. If unvaccinated, occupancy is limited to one household only and social distancing must be maintained.



4. Visitors – if vaccinated, a visitor may accompany a resident to their salon appointment. No more than three (3) visitors may accompany the resident per appointment. Visitors must wear their masks as this is considered a public area.
 - a. Unvaccinated visitors may accompany the resident to their appointment but must wear a mask, as well as the resident. Social distancing must be maintained

EMPLOYEES OF BAYVIEW

1. Employees of Bayview are considered Health Care Workers (HCWs). HCWs are not included in the Governor's "Washington Ready" program for the relaxation of exposure guidance.
 - a. HCWs must continue to follow the core principles of infection control.
 - b. Employees of Bayview are required to continue to wear their facemask while working at Bayview until the Department of Health changes guidance.
 - c. Employees must continue to screen in prior to entry using the kiosk at either the main entrance on Aloha Street, or on the A-Level.
 - d. Employees that do not work on A-level or the Health Center should screen at the main entrance until July 20th, 2021.
 - e. Employees that enter regulated spaces including the Health Center, Assisted Living and Memory care must continue to wear approved personal protective equipment (PPE) including eye protection.

ELEVATOR USE

Elevator capacity should be limited to six (6) people in the large and north elevator, and four (4) for all other elevators. We encourage residents to don their facemasks while riding the elevator. Staff and visitors are required to be wearing masks.

GROUP ACTIVITIES

Group sizes will remain the same with no more than 20 people indoors, and no more than 50 people outdoors. Groups should include separate sections for unvaccinated participants, that are socially distanced but still remain part of the group. Unvaccinated participants must wear facemasks as groups are held in public spaces. Vaccinated residents are encouraged to wear face masks with unvaccinated residents present.

VACCINATIONS

There have been many recent requests concerning the policy of employee vaccination. The Executive team encourages you to review past memos to understand the details surrounding employee vaccination. Briefly:

1. At this time, Bayview does not mandate employee vaccination as 100% vaccination compliance would not be reached for the following reasons:
 - a. Emergency Use Vaccine not approved by the FDA yet.
 - b. Clinical Contra-indications.
 - c. Religious Beliefs.
 - d. Potential Break-Through Exposure.
 - e. Valued staff's right to choose reducing probable turnover in relation to mandate.
 - f. Exposure risk still present related to potential unvaccinated visitation.
2. Bayview will continue to encourage all staff and residents to receive vaccination.
3. Bayview will continue to educate staff and residents on the risk and benefits of vaccination.
4. Bayview will continue to offer vaccination for all employees and residents wishing to receive the vaccination series.

Our Leadership Team continues to reevaluate this issue as new information becomes available. In the meantime, we are proud of our extremely high compliance rate with staff and residents. If you have further questions or concerns, please contact Joel Smith (ext. 3357) for further clarification.

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