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MEMO

COVID-19 UPDATES: Independent Living Exposure

The facility has just become aware of a COVID-19 positive resident on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at 12:30pm. Here is what we know:

- An Independent Living resident contacted the Executive team immediately upon receiving positive PCR results.
- The resident has been instructed to quarantine in their apartment for the next 14-days.
- The resident is asymptomatic.
- Contact tracing has shown there has been exposure to a limited number of residents. These residents have been notified and instructed to quarantine in their apartment for the next 14-days.
- Contact tracing only includes those who have had direct, high exposure with known positive cases.
- High exposure is defined as:
 - A person who has cumulatively spent more than 15 minutes in a 24-hour period of time with a known positive case, AND
 - A person who, within the above outlined timeframe was less than six (6) feet apart from the known positive case.
- Residents and staff who may have been in contact with the residents with high exposure are asked to self-monitor for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 over the next five (5) to seven (7) days. Symptoms include, but are not limited to:
 - Fever – 100.4 or above
 - Dry Cough
 - Unusual fatigue or tiredness
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Unusual headache
 - Sore throat
 - Difficulty breathing or sudden shortness of breath
 - Chest pain or pressure
- Call your Primary Care Physician or seek immediate medical attention if you have serious symptoms.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits have been distributed to the affected areas.
- Increased sanitation efforts have been initiated to disinfect potentially affected areas.
- Surface testing has been conducted in potentially affected areas with results pending.
- The Department of Health has been notified and made aware of Bayview's situation.

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The following actions are as follows:

1. Independent Living residents are not allowed to enter regulated areas without prior approval from Janice Pate – RN, Pamela Yeo, or Joel Smith. This includes use of the second-floor elevator and stairwell on Assisted Living.
2. Although the Independent Living area does not meet the criteria yet for an outbreak, Independent Living residents are encouraged to use this opportunity to collectively pause and exercise extreme caution in practicing core principals of infection control – excellent sanitation and source control (facemasks) practices, and social distancing from others. Staying in your apartment also offers an additional measure of protection.
3. Independent Living residents are encouraged to pause all in-door visitation until August 18th, 2021.
4. Independent Living residents wishing to be tested, should schedule testing with their Primary Care Physician (PCP), visit a clinic that performs testing, or visit a local testing site. Any positive results should be shared with Janice Pate – RN.
5. Staff wishing to be tested should schedule a visit with Janice Pate – RN.

Please respect the privacy of those involved by observing all HIPAA guidelines. We truly value the resilient and compassionate spirit of everyone as we stay the course of mitigating the spread of this virus.

With this current exposure and the King County Rate of infection continuing to climb (127.3 per 100,000 people as of 08-04-21), the Executive team is preparing for the next level of potential restrictions. Any further changes in protocols will be addressed in future memos. Please be prepared for continued communication and information regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



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