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MEMO

COVID-19 Update for the Skilled Nursing Facility / Health Center

This memo pertains only to the Skilled Nursing Facility (Health Center) at Bayview.

Late Tuesday evening, March 22nd, 2022, the Executive Leadership was informed by Discover Labs of a potential COVID-19 exposure through our normal surveillance testing on the Health Center. A Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test sent to Discover Labs yielded a positive result.

Immediately, the Director of Nursing Services, Janice Pate, conducted a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) on the resident with the potential exposure. The result was negative.

Even with the negative RAT result, the resident with the potential exposure was placed in quarantine and the Health Center implemented the COVID-19 response protocol. The potential for transmission was extremely low as the potentially exposed resident had not had any visitors or had exited the resident room within the past 14-days. The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and the Department of Health (DOH) were notified of the potential exposure.

All Staff and residents immediately received a RAT. All results received were negative.

A second PCR test was conducted on March 22nd, 2022 and sent to the University of Washington (UW) Laboratory to confirm either the PCR or the RAT result. Executive Leadership was informed late yesterday (March 23rd, 2022) by the UW Laboratory that the confirmation PCR test was indeed **negative**. **DOH confirmed the original PCR test result from Discover Labs is considered a FALSE positive.**

We are sharing this information to maintain Bayview’s complete transparency and commitment to our communication with Bayview and the community at large. This was a “close-call” and reminds us even as restrictions are being loosened, the pandemic is not quite over. Thank you for your continued support and vigilance to the core principles of infection control.

Sincerely,
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