

# COVID-19: Additional Positive Cases and Reimposition of Further Restrictions

Please review the latest information regarding Bayview's current status with positive cases as well as the Leadership Team's decision to reimpose further restrictions for the safety and well-being of our community. These are difficult decisions but we cannot ignore the rapidly increasing prevalence of COVID-19 positive cases in our building. The extreme measures of bringing back restrictions are only temporary and we don't anticipate them being long-term as research is showing the Omicron Variant may be approaching the pinnacle in WA state. We will continue to remain cautious and continue to take precautionary measures to help mitigate the spread of the virus.

#### NEW OR UPDATED INFORMATION >>

<u>COVID CASE COUNT:</u> There are 6 new positive cases of COVID-19 as of Monday, 1/10/22. This brings our total positive cases to 39 within the building. Here is the breakdown:

- 24 residents in total have tested positive for COVID-19.
  - 19 of the 24 residents are located on the Health Center (Skilled Nursing).
  - 1 of the 24 residents is located on Memory Care.
  - 4 of the 24 residents are located on Independent Living.
- 15 staff members in total have tested positive for COVID-19.
  - 8 of the 15 staff members work on the Health Center.
  - 1 of the 15 staff members work on Assisted Living.
  - 1 of the 15 staff members work in the Intergenerational Children's Center.
  - 5 of the 15 staff members work in non-clinical areas within the community.

There are currently three methods of testing that we are currently employing: Discover Labs (PCR Testing), University of Washington Labs (PCR Testing), and Rapid Antigen testing (On-site). Results from these tests are known to Bayview at different times of the day and week depending upon varying factors such as pick-up, delivery and processing time.

KING COUNTY RATES OF INFECTION: 1,225.72 per 100,000 people as of Monday, 1/10/22.

## **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:** The following will be cancelled/closed until further notice:

- Dining: Breakfast, lunch and dinner is temporarily room service only. The main dining room is closed. Although residents will be charged for each meal as usual, we will not be charging for room service.
- Programs & Activities (this includes all in-person fitness classes)
- Thrive Fitness Center & Pool
- Hair Salon

Please look for updates in the weekly regarding classes and meetings that will pivot to Zoom.

<u>VAN SERVICES</u>: Van Services are currently medical appointments only – Monday through Friday from 8am – 5pm. As a reminder, transportation request forms should be submitted by 2 pm the business day prior to the day of request. In our efforts to keep everyone safe, our van service is test-only. You must test negative in order to utilize Bayview's transportation.

### REMINDER >>

<u>VISITATION</u>: All visitation for Independent Living, Health Center, Assisted Living, Memory Care with exception to Compassionate Care Visitation for end of life has been temporarily suspended until further notice.

**TERRACE LAWN**: The terrace lawn is available for daily exercise. Please remember residents in Assisted Living have the terrace lawn reserved from 2- 4 pm.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION >>

KN-95 MASKS: The latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends the use of surgical masks, KN-95 masks, or N-95 masks. Bayview will not be able to supply these items to the general population as supplies are still in very high demand. All mask supplies Bayview is able to acquire is being used for the clinical staff on the regulated units such as Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing. If you are interested in using the above-mentioned equipment, you may purchase those masks at any major retail outlet such as Walgreens, CVS, Bartell's, or Costco. You may also order online at Amazon.com. Lastly, although not recommended by the CDC, Bayview believes the "Puraka" cloth masks given out for free to the general Bayview population are a good alternative to the surgical masks AS LONG AS THE FILTER IS PROPERLY USED in conjunction with the mask. If you need more filters or a new mask, please contact the receptionist (ext. 0), Jessenia Cruz (x2313), or Joel Smith (x3357).

There have been a high influx of inquiries, suggestions, and concerns funneling to the Leadership Team. Please know we are doing everything we can to address each question as they come through. With the explosion of COVID-19 positive cases, our primary goal is to ensure the safety and well-being of residents, staff, and greater community. We also continue to be grounded on consistent and transparent communication while keeping the integrity and privacy of both residents and staff intact.

Thank you so much for your herculean efforts and support for one another during this time.

Sincerely,

**Bayview Leadership Team** 

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