

MEMO

COVID-19 Updates: Additional Positive Cases

We wanted to give you an update on where we stand with the presence of COVID-19 at Bayview. Please note that there are 17 people (3 residents and 14 staff members) who are officially off of quarantine. Therefore, our total active positive cases below does NOT reflect those 17 people.

NEW OR UPDATED INFORMATION >>

As of Wednesday, 1/12/22, there are **7 new additional positive cases of COVID-19. This brings our total active positive cases to 29 within the building.** Here is the breakdown of cases:

- 25 residents in total have tested positive for COVID-19.
 - 21 of the 25 residents are located on the Health Center (Skilled Nursing).
 - 1 of the 25 residents is located on Memory Care.
 - 3 of the 25 residents are located on Independent Living.
- 4 staff members in total have tested positive for COVID-19.
 - 1 of the 4 staff members work in the Intergenerational Children's Center.
 - 3 of the 4 staff members work in non-clinical areas within the community.

KING COUNTY RATES OF INFECTION: 1,499.56 per 100,000 people as of 1/2/22. (Apologies our 1/10 memo had the incorrect date.)

Further, it is with profound sadness that we share with you the passing of a beloved resident in our Health Center as the result of COVID-19. We extend our deepest condolences to the family.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION >>

COVID-19 COMMUNICATION PROCESS: The process of COVID-19 communication is fairly straightforward, designed with the number one priority of resident, child, and employee health and safety. In essence, any time a COVID positive case arises, a memo is distributed both in print and by email as soon as we gather all the necessary information. The memo is distributed to our stakeholders: residents first then followed by staff, families, board members, parents, and the greater community.

Through our most recent outbreak we have been alerted to concerns of why the community was not informed sooner when isolation kits appeared in front of resident apartments. Understandably, there have been some frustration on this front. To keep everyone safe, we simply cannot release a memo before informing the affected individuals. Receiving test results from three (3) different vehicles throughout the day / night also add to the complexities to the timing of a memo. We wanted to briefly shed light on some of the behind-the-scenes action that occurs before the release of a memo.

Specifically with Independent living, whenever there is a COVID-19 positive result for a resident, the following steps are taken:

- 1) There is immediate and direct contact with the individual who tested positive. Detailed guidance and information are shared so that the individual is able to quarantine immediately and with peace of mind. (i.e. informing the individual that isolation kits will be placed at their front door, appropriate departments have been notified to assist the resident during quarantine, and so on.)

- 2) Key staff meet (via phone or in person) to discuss all encompassing details of positive cases and a memo is drafted. The memo is then reviewed, finalized, and distributed to all audiences.
- 3) We have up to 24 hours to distribute a memo in accordance with the Department of Health guidelines.

We apologize for the inundation of recent memos. However, we are experiencing a severe outbreak and want to be as transparent as possible with our community. We implore everyone to know that we are faithfully taking each step to keep the safety and well-being of everyone in mind while doing our best in disseminating as much information quickly and accurately as possible. Thank you so much for your understanding.

SURFACE TESTING: For those of you who do not know, Bayview has partnered with Enviral Tech, an organization that enables COVID surface testing infection control in long-term care facilities. Last week, the 10th floor and A-level staff lounge tested positive. After heavy infection control measures by our housekeeping and maintenance team, this week’s surface testing results are now clear in those areas. However, our latest results also indicate that virtually the rest of the building is glowing with COVID-19 exposure on our surfaces.

With this surface testing data, it may be a good time to consider the necessity of leaving your apartment for social visits. Exercise is necessary, important, and recommended. Use your best judgement in determining the purpose of being out of your personal safe haven and consider if that activity can be curtailed or put on hold for a few days while we continue to tackle this outbreak.

We are increasing our sanitation efforts in an attempt to squash the viral load within the building. Fogg machines are being employed to assist in our efforts. All staff are putting extra measures and effort into continuous sanitation efforts.

We cannot stress the importance, now more than ever, to ensure we are ALL extremely vigilant in our core principles of infection control. Every time you leave a space (apartment, elevator, conference room etc.) use hand sanitizer. Every time you enter a space, use hand sanitizer. Make sure you and the people around you are using face masks and make sure face masks cover the nose and mouth AT ALL TIMES. Do not pull your face mask away from your mouth to speak. Do not touch the main body of your face mask. Adjust your mask for comfort and fit from the sides only and remember to use hand sanitizer each and every time you make those adjustments. If somebody “corrects” you, do not take offense – THANK THEM! They are looking out for you, your friends, and your neighbors!

If you are experiencing symptoms like coughs, sore throats, congestion, please do not assume it’s simply a cold or allergies. Utilize our on-site COVID-19 testing clinic, reach out to your primary care physician, and be extra vigilant!

Together we can beat this virus back. Together we can stay safe and healthy. Together we can shorten the restrictive measures and get back to some normalcy.

Sincerely,
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