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COVID-19 Updates: Positive Cases at Bayview

Dear Bayview community,

We wanted to give you an update on where we stand with the presence of COVID-19 at Bayview. **As of late evening January 4th, there is a total of twenty-four (24) positive cases at Bayview.** FedEx has encountered severe disruptions in delivery and pick up due to inclement weather last week and the holidays. As a result, test results from last week and this week have been slowly trickling in.

This memo is written with all of our constituents in mind: residents, staff, families, Intergenerational Children's Center parents, and the greater community.

From Discover Lab PCR and in-house rapid antigen testing results conducted on 12/30/21, 01/03/22, 01/04/22, and 01/05/22, we have found the following breakdown:

- **13 residents in total have tested positive for COVID-19.**
 - 12 of the 13 residents are located on the Health Center (Skilled Nursing).
 - 1 of the 13 residents is located on Memory Care.
- **11 staff members in total have tested positive for COVID-19.**
 - 7 of the 11 staff members work on the Health Center.
 - 1 of the 11 staff members work on Assisted Living.
 - 1 of the 11 staff members work in the Intergenerational Children's Center.
 - 2 of the 11 staff members work in non-clinical areas within the community with very limited potential exposure to others.
- **No Independent Living residents have tested positive.**

Here are the steps we have taken to mitigate further spread of infection:

- Contact tracing is in progress and residents / family members / parents will be notified of any potential exposure.
- Bayview is awaiting further instructions from the King County Department of Health (LHJ).
- The Health Center has erected a containment zone within the Health Center to mitigate the spread of infection.
 - The Health Center anticipates the Department of Social and Health Services to conduct an Infection Control Survey before the end of the week.
 - The Health Center has stopped all communal activities
 - The Health Center has stopped all visitation with the exception of Compassionate Care Visitation for end of life until further guidance from the LHJ is received.
 - If allowed by the receiving clinic, Health Center residents may still attend scheduled medical appointments.
- Assisted Living and Memory Care has stopped all visitation with the exception of Compassionate Care Visitation for end of life until further guidance from the LHJ is received.
 - Receiving clinics must be notified prior to a scheduled appointment of the outbreak to determine if the scheduled appointment will be allowed.

- The Memory Care resident is in quarantine until further guidance from the LHJ is received.

The spike in positive cases within Bayview is consistent with the spike we are seeing across King County, the state, and across the nation. The King County Rate of Infection is 858.72 per 100,000 people as of January 5, 2022. This is almost 2x higher than the worst point in 2020. There is no question that the Omicron variant is highly infectious. While we are thankful that the majority of our cases have been mild or asymptomatic, we are extremely concerned about the surge of COVID-19 inside Bayview walls.

Out of deep concern of the sharp increase of infection rates in King County, number of COVID-19 positive cases and potential firestorm of exposures within the building, we are taking the following additional steps:

VISITATION FOR ALL LEVELS OF CARE:

Effective immediately: 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 and until we receive further guidance from the LHJ.

Comingling of any sort is absolutely discouraged, not recommended, and not sanctioned by Bayview.

INDEPENDENT LIVING RESIDENTS:

Dining: Effective Wednesday, January 5th (dinner time): dining services will transition to the Terrace Garden Food Court Grab & Go model. Our Culinary Services team is fully dedicated and prepared to make this pivot to food court as smooth as possible. Room service options will still be available for lunch and dinner. (You will not be charged a room service fee.)

Breakfast: Continental Breakfast Grab & Go is still offered from 7:30-9:00 am.

Lunch Grab & Go: open daily from 12:00 am – 2:00 pm

Dinner Grab & Go: open daily from 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Programming and activities: Effective Thursday, January 6th: all programs, activities, committees, and events of all sizes will be test-only. If you've tested negative on Monday, January 3rd or utilize the testing on Thursday, January 6th, you are able to participate in internal activities beginning Thursday. The test-only requirement also extends to the use of fitness center gym and pool.

VAN SERVICES FOR ALL LEVELS OF CARE:

We understand that there has been growing excitement and momentum of bringing back a full van calendar in the month of January with excursions and shopping trips. **However, with the explosion of COVID-19 cases in Bayview and infection rates in King County, van services will continue with medical appointments only. Effective Monday, January 10th, medical appointments will be expanded from Monday through Friday from 8:00am – 4:00pm.** The Life Enrichment team in conjunction with the Excursion Committee and other staff and residents have worked diligently in preparing a van calendar with excursions and shopping trips. This is ready to launch and we will pull the trigger when it is safe to do so. Stay tuned on this front.

FITNESS CENTER FOR ALL LEVELS OF CARE:

Effective immediately: Group classes within the Fitness department involve a lot of movement which may cause increase of respiratory droplets, especially in confined spaces. **Therefore, all in-person classes and programs for Thrive Fitness are cancelled temporarily. The use of the Fitness Center gym is still available for individual use but you must test negative before use. Fitness Center use is test-only.** The Fitness Center capacity should remain low to avoid overcrowding.

Assisted Living use of the fitness center has been temporarily suspended until further guidance from the LHJ is received.

INTERGENERATIONAL CHILDREN’S CENTER:

The Intergenerational Children’s Center (ICC) will close Thursday, January 6th and will reopen on Thursday, January 13th. With guidance from our ICC consultant and LHJ, parents should monitor their children for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19. Parents are to test their children beginning Friday, January 7th. With a negative test, children are eligible to return to the ICC on January 13th.

STAFF:

Effective immediately: All staff are required to utilize Bayview’s on-site testing on Mondays and Thursdays. Health Center staff are to be tested 3x/week on Monday, Thursday, and Saturday.
Effective immediately: the food court is available for staff for order and pick up only. Please email your lunch order to foodservicehost@bayviewseattle.org by 11:00 am and pick up your order between 12:00-12:15pm. There will be a dedicated employee pick up table in the main lobby.

REMINDER: ON-SITE COVID-19 TESTING AT BAYVIEW

Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm in the Kinnear Theater. With the extreme King County Rates of infection, we urge all residents to test twice weekly.

Please contact one of the following team members for further details or information:

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*For staff: please see your supervisor or the Human Resources Department with any questions.

We understand the heightened anxiety that may come from the release of today’s news. As Leadership team continues to conduct a thorough outbreak investigation, this is a stark reminder to continue to stay vigilant. Our experience these past two years have shown us that while the virus is relentless, so are we. We will continue to update you as any new information comes our way. We are grateful for your tremendous support.

Sincerely,

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