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## **COVID-19 Updates: Independent Living Visitation and Dining**

The Leadership team has been keeping a close eye on the climbing King County Rates of Infection (ROI) in conjunction with active positive cases within Bayview. As of 12/29/2021, the King County ROI is 330.86 per 100,000 people and we currently have a total of four (4) positive cases at Bayview – one (1) resident in Independent Living and three (3) staff.

As a result of the sharp increase of infection rates and uptick of positive cases at Bayview, we are taking the following steps to mitigate higher risk of exposure:

### **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:**

#### **1) Independent Living Visitation: Visitation for Independent Living is scaling back to two (2) visitors at a time at a recommended duration of two (2) hours per visit. One (1) visit per day is still recommended.**

- As a reminder, visitors must wear a facemask at all times and properly screen at reception. Visitors should move directly to and from the visiting apartment only and are not allowed in public areas.
- Visitors should only use the **north elevator** when moving to or from the visiting apartment. We implore everyone to avoid using the Assisted living second floor as an entry way to the two main tower elevators or to reception as best as possible. Regulated areas are highly vulnerable at this time and we appreciate your efforts in keeping everyone safe.
- Visitation guidance for the regulated areas including Assisted Living, Memory Care, and Skilled Nursing continue to follow the Department of Social and Health Services “Safe-Start for Long Term Care Guidance.” Visitation has not changed for these areas.

### **EFFECTIVE MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022:**

#### **2) Temporary Change with Independent Living Breakfast: Because of critical staffing shortages in Assisted living and Skilled Nursing, Food services must adjust staffing schedules to meet requirements in our licensed areas. Please understand this is a temporary solution and we plan on resuming normal dining hours as soon as possible.**

- Breakfast room service operations will be discontinued for the time being.

- A **complimentary light continental breakfast** will be offered in the main dining room between 7:30am-9:00am. This will include, yogurt, pastries, Hard Boiled Eggs, Oatmeal, Fresh Fruit, Juices, Coffee & Tea. Residents must come to the main dining room to receive this service. Again, there will be no room service offered during this time. Room service options will still be available for lunch and dinner.
- Lunch and dinner services will still operate as usual 7 days a week in the main dining room.
- More information will be released by Dan Galvin, Director of Culinary Services in the Weekly.

**EFFECTIVE THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022:**

**3) Independent Living Dining: The risk of COVID-19 spread increases in a dining setting. With our test-based strategy firmly in place, we are expanding this strategy to dining.**

- Beginning **Thursday, January 6, 2022**, all dining in the main lobby will be **test-only dining**. Thursday December 30<sup>th</sup>, Monday January 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Thursday January 6<sup>th</sup> are the next opportunities to utilize our on-site testing in order to dine in the main lobby.
  - For the complimentary continental breakfast, all orders will be served to go, however, seating will be available for residents who have tested negative for COVID-19.
- For Bayview purposes, COVID-19 tests are good for 7-days. However, especially at this critical time with skyrocketing infection rates, the best practice is to test as often as possible (i.e. twice weekly).
- We want to reiterate that room service options will still be available for lunch and dinner.

**Please note: Activities, events, and programming in independent living will continue as planned, including designated test-only events.**

Thank you all for your unending patience and understanding. Without your trust, we wouldn't be here today. We will continue to update you as information changes. If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or suggestions, please don't hesitate to reach out to myself or the leadership team.

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