

Luther Manor Continuing Precautions Related to COVID-19

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There are still no newly acquired cases of COVID-19 on either of Luther Manor campuses, which is where our energy continues to go. This remains our highest priority. Thank you for all the support, especially as this pandemic carries forward!

Nothing big for the Easter weekend update, so here is a continuation of yesterday's Easter thoughts as they relate to the new world we are living in:

- Today our Pastoral Care team led us on the Passion of Christ and some of us could step away and were able to play the various roles. Participating and then listening is such an incredible time to reflect! Jesus teaches on the Greatest Commandment. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:39. This incredibly strange time in our world engulfing Easter week, just makes me pause, think and then hopefully continue to act as Jesus would. Once again staying strong, staying close to the Lord, giving what we can to those in need and looking out for others; is what will make sure we survive this Coronavirus together!
- I cannot believe I am sharing this, but I bet it makes you smile! I am guessing this is what "Carol's kids" were hoping for when they dropped off about 20 or so just like these. This one got the most smiles and just a guess, but the Disco Chicken artist must have had to watch reruns of the Partridge Family, no?



- I've mentioned a couple of times the Senior Living Industry association we are part of that has been instrumental in partnering to make sure our residents and staff are as safe as can be. Earlier this week the Board Chair sent this out and it just resonated so much as again part of the new world that I had to share:

The LeadingAge Board Chair, Carol Silver Elliott, offers this message to members on the unwavering commitment and dedication you bring to older adults.

Heroes,

If you had asked me just a few short weeks ago to tell you how I would define a hero, I would have shared the mental images that came to mind with that word. It's the firefighter running into a burning building to save a life; it's the police officer who runs towards danger rather than away; it's the act of physical courage that makes me think "Wow, I could never do that."

Today my understanding of that word has changed forever. The heroes are the staff who come into our buildings every day. They are the people who tell their families who ask them to stay home that they can't, that coming to work and caring for elders is not optional, it is what they do and what they must. The heroes are the people who are gloved and gowned, who are walking into rooms where there are droplet precautions posted. They are the people who are cleaning more thoroughly than ever before, the ones who are making sure that everyone has food to eat, those who stand at the doors to make sure everyone has their temperature taken and a mask to wear.

My heroes are each of my colleagues who are leading our organizations, who are preparing for the worst while hoping for the best. These are the people who are making tough calls, trying to digest all the information coming to them at incredible rates of speed, who are juggling the needs of elders, families, and staff and still trying to keep everyone's spirits up.

I salute each of you, I salute everyone who provides care and support for our elders. You are, and will always be my heroes.

Stay strong.

Carol Silver Elliott

With Easter coming, please remember to keep those calls, cards, and emails coming!