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A Life Plan Community

Luther Manor Continuing Precautions Related to COVID-19

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Good afternoon from Luther Manor! Resident and staff safety remains our top priority and we will continue with our protocols, precautions and daily screening of staff and all Health Care Center and Assisted Living Residents.

Thank you for your support and commitment to our residents and staff during this extremely unusual time.

Shout Outs of Thanks!

- **Thank you** Ladies of Kingo Lutheran for the extra cloth gowns!
- **A special thank you to Shari Garza, Kathy Jastromski, Rachel Coleman, Char Ball and Cherie Swenson**, our employees who spent part of their Mother's Day on campus to connect our residents with their loved ones.

Campus Update

- Today, we received information that a member of our Health Care Center team tested positive for COVID-19. We have worked with officials at the City of Wauwatosa's Department of Health to ensure that those who came in close direct contact with this staff member were notified and are monitoring symptoms. Close, direct contact is defined as being within 6 feet of an infected individual for a continuous duration of at least 10 minutes. Having interaction with an infected person does not necessarily mean that you are exposed to the virus or that you have the virus. You know that since mid-March, all staff have been wearing masks and are being screened for symptoms and fever so precautions have been in place to mitigate the spread if someone was to become ill. These precautions were taken to help protect both residents and staff.

Recently, the Department of Health announced that they will make testing available to all staff and residents in skilled nursing facilities across the state. As a result of this latest positive case of our staff member, we will begin taking this added precaution now by testing all residents and staff in the Health Care Center over the course of the next week when supplies become available. We will keep you updated as this progresses and our work with the Wauwatosa Department of Health as it relates to broader testing of residents and staff in our assisted living and independent living programs.

- Even though the Governor's stay at home order was overturned yesterday and businesses are beginning to reopen, things are NOT changing at Luther Manor. All visitor restrictions remain in place, and heightened screening and monitoring will continue.



Campus Happenings

- I know this is a repeat theme, but today we had our fifth resident celebrate a birthday over the century mark! Marian Thielke, a 22 year Terrace resident is 102 today, wow! The staff serenaded her and again, we should all look so good! Marian's take on it... "I've been very blessed". Thank you for blessing us these last 22 years Marian!



- Our need to keep residents stimulated and enriching their minds, bodies and souls never rests. Neither does our Life Enrichment team! We are painting spring blossoms - magnolia, apple, peach and cherry blossoms. It was such simple art, yet it evoked so many memories of trees in our residents yards! All signs of spring, bringing hope to each of them that soon we can go outside more often when the weather stays warmer. This one Beverly Markowski painted turned out beautifully!



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