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Luther Manor Continuing Precautions Related to COVID-19

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Good afternoon from Luther Manor. Our number one priority continues to be the health and safety of our residents and staff. All visitor restrictions remain in place. **Please see below for additional information about Terrace visitor restrictions under our Phase II reopening plan.**

Shout Outs of Thanks!

- **A special thank you to Kathleen Everson and the Proeber family** that has pretty much used our Sharing God's Love team every day since we started the program to share their love with **Marybelle Proeber** one of our Courtyard residents! We know how hard this is on everyone and that difficult things will happen in life, but it's how you handle it that matters.

Campus Updates

- Results from the remaining COVID tests conducted on Courtyards staff this week are back and all are **NEGATIVE**. Having said that, because of the cases that did occur in this program area, the department of health asked us to test all Courtyard staff on a weekly basis to make sure the virus is no longer present in the program.
- On Thursday, the Department of Health Services published a news release urging Wisconsin residents to stay home over the Fourth of July Weekend and to continue following public health best practices. Nearly 20% of total COVID-19 positive cases in Wisconsin have occurred within the past two weeks. Currently, 23% of Wisconsin's total cases are people in their twenties, compared to early April, when only 11% of positive cases were in their twenties. Contact tracing from local health departments has revealed that this surge in cases among younger people can be traced back to bars. DHS recommends all residents, including young individuals, take more precautions such as staying home, physical distancing, and wearing cloth face coverings whenever possible. As the weather continues to improve, DHS encourages Wisconsinites to consult guidance on how to participate in summer activities safely, which can be found on the DHS [Avoid Illness webpage](#).

Campus Happenings

- So far so good as it relates to Phase II of the Terrace Independent Living reopening plans. A few details/reminders about the outdoor visits that are now allowed in this program area.
 - These are **OUTDOOR** visits only.
 - To assist with social distancing and traffic on campus, there is a **limit of 2 visitors** per resident or resident couple at this time.



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- You are welcome to walk the campus, sit on our benches, bring a picnic, set up your own **sturdy** chairs and table (please disinfect them before bringing them here)
- Remember that **grass is an uneven surface**. Please be thoughtful to not lead your loved ones into areas that could cause unstable footing in the quest for a lovely view or shade during this warm weather.
- **Indoor visits are prohibited**. Neither rain, nor sleet nor the need for a bathroom break are reasons for visitors to enter the building.

- The Wisconsin and Wauwatosa Departments of Health continue to reinforce visitor restrictions in skilled nursing and assisted living facilities. While the CDC has issued guidance for safe reopening to help facilities design their plans, the green light to reopen - even for outdoor visits - will come from the Wauwatosa Department of Health and will be contingent on our ability to prove that we have the capacity to properly disinfect areas where visits take place, and to schedule and assist with visits as needed. Trust that we are working on this plan and want nothing more than to reunite you with your loved ones in a safe and enjoyable manner.

- As we strive to keep these special occasions special, we've planned a special Independence Day menu for our residents. What are you serving?
 - BBQ beef brisket and bibs in the Terrace
 - BBQ beef brisket in the health care center and assisted living programs
 - Baked Beans
 - Vegetable pasta salad
 - Cherry pie in the Terrace
 - Oreo cheesecake in the health care center and assisted living programs
 - Sweet, cool watermelon slices for all

- To further enhance the Independence Day experience for residents, we have an entire day of programming on our internal TV channel 956 around the theme. From 10:00-7:00 on Saturday, special shows like the History of the 4th of July, a sing-along - which you know is a favorite and a fireworks display in the evening with accompanying military music will help keep the patriotism going all day long.

Have a wonderful Independence Day weekend and continue to practice safety precautions to stay healthy. We will take a break from sending the update over the weekend. Patrick will be back at the helm on Monday.

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