



# LUTHER MANOR

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## Luther Manor Continuing Precautions Related to COVID-19

**April 22, 2020 6:25 pm**

Good evening from Luther Manor. There are still no newly acquired cases of COVID-19 on either of Luther Manor campuses. This continues to remain our highest priority.

Thank you for the continued support and for the communication you provide to your loved ones and our remarkable team of employees. It means more than you may know!

### Shout Outs of Thanks!

- **Thank you St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, in Wauwatosa** - Many of our residents are members of the church, but cannot attend services. St. Matt's members have been sending words of encouragement to residents and our staff from early on and often!
- **Thank you Gail Tews** from Menomonee Falls for the cloth masks!

### Campus Happenings

- In early April, we informed everyone that the CDC now requires anyone coming from the hospital to a skilled nursing facility or assisted living program to undergo heightened observations for 14 days, even those not known to have COVID-19. If possible, they require these observation patients to be on a dedicated unit. As a result, any health care center or assisted living resident who returns from the hospital will spend 14 days in observation on this unit before returning to their room. The belief is that this observation period will add another layer of prevention in helping to stop the spread of the virus since symptoms may not appear for up to 14 days. Observation status is not that much different than the precautions we are currently taking except that staff will wear additional PPE.

In addition, if an Independent Living resident returns from the hospital and does not need to be admitted to rehab, they should be self isolating in their apartments for 14 days. Residents who are part of our Supportive Living program will continue to receive help during the isolation period. Those who hadn't previously tapped into this service may want to consider registering for help during this 14-day period even if it's just for assistance with daily living tasks rather than medical care needs. Contact Becky Onken or Suzie Schaumann at 414-464-3880 for information about our Supportive Living services and learn how we can help.



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## Campus Updates

- **Calling all sewers... Ready for your next project?** With additional PPE needed, we are in need of isolation gowns and are hoping you can put some of your skill to use. I've attached two options for making them and hope these make perfect sense to all of you, because if there are questions, I'll have to use several lifelines to help you out. In all seriousness, we are currently using disposable gowns, but we would prefer washable ones, so they can be washed within the unit for reuse. They'll be up on our website soon as well.

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