

Luther Manor Continuing Precautions Related to COVID-19

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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 communication you provide to your loved ones and we share with our remarkable team of employees. We are so blessed to have residents, staff, families and partners like all of you!

Shout Outs of Thanks!

- **Thank you Kathy Mehnert**, another one of our Arizona contingent making masks for us. Just so you know, we are patiently waiting for the warm weather, which would be a nice change and probably why you live in Arizona!
- **Thank you American Apparel** for the custom “We Love MKE” scrubs some of our clinical team model! Cheer squad, silly team or 6-foot test? All of the above!





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Campus Updates

- Over the past several weeks we have worked with Froedtert Health, state and local Departments of Health, state regulators and members of the Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition to prepare Luther Manor in the event that COVID-19 cases were to spike in Milwaukee causing area hospitals to fill to capacity. Fortunately, that hasn't happened, however our work has prepared us to be a preferred site for the continued recovery of *clinically resolved* COVID-19 patients. These individuals have passed the stage of requiring acute hospital care and are deemed medically stable, yet need additional time to recuperate. The Coronavirus virus leaves people in a weakened state and typically with a residual cough or other complications. The dedicated observation unit that we created earlier this month following the CDC directive is the perfect place for this care to occur because of our capabilities and heightened precautions that are in place.

Precautions on this observation unit are reflective of our contact isolation protocols for clinical care, infection control, dining and patient engagement. In addition, the unit is located in a building that has a separate entrance.

Luther Manor's vision is "leading the way in abundant living for all who trust us to care." Throughout the COVID-19 situation, we have been leading the way relative to many other organizations in large part because we had in place high-quality clinical capabilities, effective operating and leadership structures, strong community partnerships, high resident and family satisfaction and dedicated volunteers and donors. We are committed to our mission and find guidance in our faith.

In early April, we shared the bible's telling of the "Good Samaritan" story that emphasizes not just serving but going toward the needy or injured. To summarize Luke 10:29-37:

(30) "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead." Two others avoided the injured man, (33) "but a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. (34) He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. (35) The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you



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may have.” Jesus concludes the lesson by directing us all to (37) “Go and do likewise.”

While none of us asked for this pandemic, we also didn’t turn away. In fact, we have and will continue to go toward those in need. Thank you for all you have and will do for our residents, for one another and for the broader community. We couldn’t be more honored to be in service to your loved ones.

Campus Happenings

- Another great reason your loved ones should get some fresh air if they can join a friend for a 6-feet-apart walk...Hyacinth! Our grounds crew is fantastic!



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