

Luther Manor Continuing Precautions Related to COVID-19 October 5, 2020 4:47 pm

Good Evening from Luther Manor. The safety of our residents and staff remain 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, partnerships and commitment to our residents and staff as the pandemic continues to evolve. Please continue to connect with your loved ones as often as you can. Don't forget our Sharing God's Love team is here to help! Just email SharingGodsLove@LutherManor.org to get started.

Shout Outs of Thanks!

• Thank you, Volunteer Ron Albers! Ron is a fantastic gardener and delivered 25 vases of his home-grown zinnia flowers in a variety of beautiful fall colors for the ladies that reside in the Health Care Center. Ron certainly has a green thumb for gardening and before COVID-19 restricted our volunteers he would often share his harvest of vegetables with the Life Enrichment Department to support their resident cooking programs. The residents would cut up the various vegetables to prepare a tasty and healthy vegetable soup. Here Kathy from Life Enrichment poses with Ron's zinnia's!



Campus Update

 We informed you all that last month, we began required testing of all Health Care Center direct care and support staff. After three weeks of this testing, all staff tests performed to date have been negative. The latest CDC/CMS guidelines require us to test at a frequency based upon the positivity rate in the county within which we operate skilled nursing - Milwaukee County. Since our testing



began, we have fallen within the rate band requiring weekly testing. While COVID cases in Wisconsin are among the highest in the nation right now, Milwaukee and Ozaukee counties are doing better than many other places in the state. Take a look at the link below and scroll down to the Hot Spots section to see where cases are raising/falling and for information specific to Milwaukee and Ozaukee counties.

Tracking Coronavirus in Wisconsin

At this point, the CDC/CMS are not requiring testing of staff in assisted living programs. As a result, staff serving residents in the Courtyards and those at River Oaks in Ozaukee county are not being tested. We'll let you know if that changes. Regardless of testing, we reinforce continued vigilance in wearing masks covering both the nose and mouth, following effective hand washing practices, social distancing from others and disinfecting in accordance with best practices. Following these safety precautions both at work and outside of work helps all of us stay safe and healthy.

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