

# Luther Manor Continuing Precautions Related to COVID-19 October 23, 2020 4:41 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. All visitor restrictions remain in place.

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 <a href="mailto:SharingGodsLove@LutherManor.org">SharingGodsLove@LutherManor.org</a> to get started.

### **Sharing God Love**

 As we continue to strive to stay engaged with our residents and their families, we also have made a point to stay engaged with our supportive churches in the area. Earlier this week we provided coffee and donuts to some of the clergy that are nearby Luther Manor. Who doesn't want a little warmth as winter approaches:)







## **Campus Updates**

You'll recall that on October 8, we shared that a resident in our Courtyards assisted living program tested positive for COVID-19. Over the last two weeks, we provided updates about cases, testing and precautions. Working closely with the department of health, our weekly testing of staff and residents continues. Following 100% negative tests for staff and residents last week, this week's results revealed that one resident is positive. As is our protocol, this resident was transferred to our Specialty COVID Unit where our trained staff will help them through it. With only a few staff tests outstanding, all have been negative this week. Weekly staff testing will continue for all Courtyards staff along with the Health Care Center staff who have already been part of our routine testing protocol. In addition, we are adding non-direct care support staff to the routine given that cases in our area and the state are rising.



For those who follow the positivity rate of COVID tests in our area, you know it is inching up towards the 10% level. CMS established routine testing frequency requirements based on this rate. If Milwaukee County reaches 10%, we will increase our staff testing to twice a week. Currently, we test 400 staff members every week. Moving to 800 tests a week will definitely be a strain on our resources but we are reassigning staff to ensure it happens. A big thank you to our team that is leading this effort while making sure we provide the care our residents deserve and keep the operating humming. Also a big thanks to all the staff who are being tested every week - or more. While they know it's part of keeping our residents and staff safe, I'm sure you can imagine that this repeated unpleasant experience can be trying. For those of you who have been tested for COVID - I'm sure you know what I mean and for those who are fortunate to not have been tested...well Google it if you like, eek.

### **Campus Happenings**

 Artwork seems to be one of those items that really engages our residents, whether they believe they have the skill or not. Here are some of our artists working on "still imagery" that turned out fabulous! They definitely have the skill!



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