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Luther Manor Weekly Happenings and Updates

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Today's update is going out earlier than usual this week to give families time to free up their schedules for Thursday's vaccination clinic either for themselves or for their loved ones. I will not be sending out a typical Wednesday update, unless there is something urgent to communicate.

The Milwaukee County COVID positivity rate is expected to climb above 10% later this week, which will change our staff testing protocols beginning the week of August 16. To protect yourself and one another, we encourage everyone who is medically able to get vaccinated. If you or a loved one has chosen not to in the past, we encourage you to reconsider. Don't rely on internet searches or the opinion of friends or family, unless they are a medical professional! You and your personal doctor are the best team in making this decision.

Campus Updates

- We are offering our second **vaccination clinic** in as many weeks **for our staff and have asked all current residents** that are still not vaccinated to consider participating. We are also **opening this clinic to all of our Luther Manor family and friends** if you would like to receive the Moderna vaccination, **Thursday August 12th, between 9 am - 11:30 am in our Faith and Education Center.** The vaccinations are being administered through our partnership with the Wauwatosa Department of Health. **Please reply to me if you are interested so we can make sure we have enough vaccines. Spread the word!**

It is essential that our Health Care Center residents are protected with the vaccine. With the County positivity rate nearing 10% we want to give you all a heads up that the **CDC states that any facility having a resident vaccination rate below 70% when the community positivity rate is 10%+ must stop indoor visits.** We are very close to this at 73%, so if your loved one is not vaccinated, please speak with their medical team and reconsider this decision to not impact the health and well-being of all residents by restricting family visits. I know this is going to raise alarms for many of our residents' loved ones and because of this once again I ask that if you have an activated power of attorney for your loved one, please have them vaccinated. **You can reach out to your loved ones' nurse manager, social worker or to me and we can work this out in time for our vaccine clinic Thursday.**

The Courtyards has a higher vaccination rate than the Health Care Center, yet we have the same strong encouragement for those residents and their loved ones! **People over age 65, especially those with complicated health conditions are the most in danger from COVID.**



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- I am rewording this from last week's update because we are still having people visit residents without wearing a proper face shield and surgical mask. Due to the positivity rates of COVID-19 within Milwaukee County growing, Luther Manor has implemented the following requirements to ensure our residents and staff are protected from the surge of COVID cases and the Delta variant:
 - **All staff and visitors** entering a patient care area in the Health Care Center and/or the Courtyards Assisted Living **must wear a face shield and a surgical mask**. Face shields and surgical masks will be provided at both reception desks and/or as you enter the resident unit.
 - Face shields should not be worn in other common areas outside of the unit. If leaving the unit temporarily, please wipe down the face shield and place it in a large brown paper bag provided at the station just outside the unit and write your name on the bag. Yes, brown paper bags are the CDC recommended storage item, not plastic bags. The surgical mask can continue to be worn until you leave the building.
 - At the end of your visit (or staff shifts), the face shield **should be disposed of outside the unit in the trash receptacles that are located there. The surgical mask should be disposed of as you leave the building.**
- We are anticipating that as of next week Monday all non-vaccinated staff will be required to be tested for COVID twice weekly. We will continue to adjust this based on the positivity rate changes in Milwaukee County
- Following up regarding the Terrace staff member that tested positive last weekend for COVID-19. This person had not worked in the building since that weekend and after multiple testing, no other staff members or residents were infected.

We continue to **encourage the small group of Terrace residents that are unvaccinated to receive the vaccine** and we have been encouraging all Terrace residents to be attentive daily and to look for symptoms of COVID-19 such as fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath and not feeling well. Wearing masks, screening staff and frequent cleaning and hygiene protocols, help mitigate the spread of this illness.

Here are some key reminders we shared with the Terrace Residents:

- Terrace residents are highly encouraged to wear a mask when leaving the apartment. Ensure it fits properly over the nose, chin and mouth times.
- All of their visitors must screen in upon arrival and wear masks.
- Residents are asked to screen in upon return to the building.
- Monitor daily for any symptoms as listed above. Immediately report any symptoms to your medical provider and follow their direction.
- Check temperatures daily.



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- Wash hands frequently throughout the day (20 seconds with water and soap) especially when leaving the apartment and returning to it.
- Practice social distancing please.
- One of our new Terrace residents, Mike, came to us with very high accolades as a professional musician that our residents seemed to really enjoy! If you guessed the acclaimed instrument as a banjo, you were correct! Banjo not your thing? Don't tell our residents that, as you can see, his skill matched their desire to hear him and because of that they had to go to the balcony level to listen in!



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