

April 6, 2020

Campus Update

As we manage additional cases of the virus in our Health Center, we have sectioned off an area of our Evergreen Way neighborhood, to care for presumed and confirmed cases behind closed doors. If needed, we do have the capacity to expand the area to contain patients with suspected or confirmed diagnosis of the virus in this location. Well patients will be cared for in a separate area of the neighborhood.

As we have learned from health officials, even people who are not experiencing any symptoms could be carriers and spread the virus unknowingly. The best guidance we have from the State Department of Public Health and the CDC is to close down our neighborhoods and restrict our residents' activity off of their neighborhoods. Based on these recommendations, in addition to sectioning our post-acute neighborhood, we are implementing additional social distancing measures throughout our Health Center to include:

- Residents will stay on their neighborhoods
- Doors to neighborhoods will be closed and signs will be posted as a reminder
- Meal time will see more distance between smaller groups, and the majority of residents will eat in their rooms
- The courtyard is closed
- We have re-deployed staff from other disciplines to our neighborhoods to help provide extra hands and attention to our residents

We ask for all of our families to help us reinforce this new policy with their loved ones

McLean COVID 19 Donations

McLean is fortunate to have so many families, friends and neighbors who have been reaching out to ask what they can do to help us in this unprecedented time. Flowers have been delivered, cards and signs made, lunches have been delivered for staff, and so many are donating handmade masks.

We deeply appreciate any donation to help us at this time.

Personal Protective Equipment

McLean needs the following items:

- **Face shields,**
- **N95 masks,**

- **surgical masks,**
- **gloves,**
- **gowns**
- **homemade face masks**

These items can be left on the table under the McLean awning 75 Great Pond Road, Simsbury, CT. Please include your name and contact information so we can thank you!

For Our Heroes

Our Health Care staff is amazing. If you would like to recognize them here are two ways:

- **Food Donations for Staff:** If you are interested in providing lunch or goodies to support our staff, we are accepting individual boxed or wrapped meals. We ask that the delivery be made at 11:30 am to accommodate the health care staff. To coordinate a food deliveries please contact Kate Senn, Director of Dining Services at 860.658.3935 or kate.senn@mcleancare.org.
- **COVID 19 Fund for Staff:** The hours that our health care workers are working are long. McLean is committed to its employees by making a **COVID-19 Pandemic Bonus Differential** to staff. If you would like to contribute to a staff fund to say “Thank You” please visit <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/McLean> and in the dedication line note “staff.”

Questions: Please call Vickie Dirienzo, Director of Development at 860-658-3702 or Vickie.Dirienzo@McLeanCare.org. All gifts will be recognized.