

ANNLINES

St. Ann's Residence Newsletter

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Mission: To provide a caring home for seniors where they can find calm from the storms of life, regardless of status.



Administrator's Letter

Hello Everyone,

Thank You for your resilience during the pandemic. I know how hard this has been on all of you. Because you have all done such an amazing job combating the virus, we can move along with re-opening parts of our facility. Please keep in mind that the Department of Health is giving us regulations on what we can and cannot do, but a lot has to do with our success with keeping the virus at bay.

Our next project is re-opening the dining rooms. This is going to take some time, up to several weeks, as we have made many changes to some of those spaces to accommodate our current tray service and to implement a plan for infection control of all dining rooms. When the time comes, here is what you can expect at first:

M-F lunch meal only (the rest will continue to be tray service to your rooms)

You will dine only on the floor that you live on, other than 1st floor who will be eating on 2nd floor

Assigned table and only 1 person per table and all tables 6 feet apart

Assigned time period for your meal (as there will be designated shifts)

We are all looking forward to seeing you out and about more, and recapturing some of our normal that we miss so dearly. Please remember to always wear your mask and wash your hands. We will communicate and inform you as the opening date approaches and the final details are worked out.

Sincerely,

Scott and Jan



Nurses Corner

Hello Everyone,

It is summer and we are finally able to venture outside. I hope the Outside Visitation is working for everyone and making life a bit easier. I think the Minnesota Department of Health is listening to our concerns and working to slowly open things up. The beauty shop is open and now the outside visiting. Our patio is still open and I hope everyone is taking advantage of getting outside when the weather is beautiful. We have such a short summer here in Duluth.

We are still requiring that you wear a mask when out of your room and when any staff member comes into your room. This provides protection to both you and anyone that you come in contact with.

I'm proud that all of you have tried your best to comply with all the COVID - 19 rules and regulations. I think we have gotten through the really tough times and now we just have to keep up our efforts and not get slack so that we do not have a resurgence of the virus.

Let's try to enjoy summer and focus on the lovely flowers and the lake that we can look at in our beautiful city!

Keep up the good work. One of these days we can hopefully dine together again in the lunch rooms. We are working towards that end!

Wishing you all good health and happiness,

Lynn Shepard RN,

Director of Nursing

You're My
Favourite
Co-Worker 😊
(Don't Tell Anyone)

Employee Anniversaries

Christopher	Dornbush	7/27/2017	3
Michael	Riggio	7/09/2009	11
Malin	Bender	7/12/2017	3



Tune into PBS, channel 12, on Saturday, July 4th at 7pm to watch “A Capital Fourth” celebration. They will be having fireworks and entertainment. Being Duluth’s fireworks have been postponed, watch PBS to get your fireworks fix!



Our 4th of July picnic (not really a picnic) will be on Thursday, July 2nd. We will be having burgers, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, watermelon, pop, milk and a snack, all served in the comfort of your own apartments. We are unable to allow any family or friends to our “picnic” this year due to the Coronavirus. We will be playing music over the intercom system from 11:30am -12:30pm. We are trying to make this holiday as festive as possible. Please enjoy the “picnic” food and music and don’t forget to watch the “fireworks” on Saturday, July 4th on PBS (channel 12) at 7 pm. Have a wonderful 4th of July!



MAIL DELIVERY UPDATE

Several concerns have been expressed regarding getting and sending out mail.

My mail is delivered very late into the evening. Here is the issue-the mail carrier can not come into the building and deliver to your mailbox. Most days the delivery does not get here until after 4 pm. Once the mail arrives here our employees have to sort and then deliver at this time.

Mail slots by the elevators are not in use at this time because it is a federal mailbox and we do not have a key. For the time being, your letters to mail have to be brought down to the Front Desk. Hopefully this will not last much longer.



Mass will be starting up on Sunday's again with our first service being held on July 5th at 10AM with Father Dahlberg. We must follow the guidelines for services:

Must sanitize hands before going in and when coming out of the Chapel

Must social distance (6 feet apart)

Must wear your mask

Must take communion in hand

No singing to keep everyone safe

It sure will be nice to get some normalcy back into our lives. Hope to see you on Sunday!



SMOKING ROOM REGULATIONS

When using the smoking room you must follow protocol! There is a limit of two people in the room at one time. Please sanitize your hands before going down to the smoking room, and after you leave. SOCIAL DISTANCE, SOCIAL DISTANCE, SOCIAL DISTANCE!!! If the Smoking Room protocol is NOT followed, the room will be shut down permanently! If you are going outside to smoke, please make sure you are not on St. Ann's property, as we are a smoke-free facility. Thank you and please follow protocol to keep the Smoking Room open.