

From Allen Cress

Dear Edwards Center Families,

A few updates going into the weekend:

- **There are no known diagnosed or suspected cases of COVID-19 among our residents, participants or staff.**
- Our remarkable staff remains committed to those in our care. We have staff who have prepared their families and themselves to remain in the homes for weeks if necessary. I can't describe my gratitude for this team!
- We still have a stable contingent of healthy staff, along with multiple layers of backup should staff become ill.
- We receive updates to State Policies almost daily. Oregon's Office of Developmental Disability Services (ODDS) is as committed to the well being of the people we serve. They are working hard to ensure we have the resources necessary to serve our residents and support our team.
- Personal protective equipment is very difficult to find. We still have a solid back-up supply.
- Edwards Center's model depends on family involvement. We count on our families to maintain active roles in the lives of those we support. In today's difficult environment, we encourage you to consider alternative ways to do that. For example, common technology allows visits through Facetime, Skype and more. We know it can't replace personal contact, but we're all facing some extraordinary circumstances. **If you do choose to pick up your family member, please consider the risk to yourself, your family member and other residents and staff in the home.**

Despite the apparently dark times immediately in front of us, we will make it through this. Our team remains intact and committed. We will not lose sight of the brighter days on the other side.

Very sincerely,

Allen

We Need Your Help

With the suspension of some of our major programs and services comes a major reduction in the funding we receive from the State of Oregon and Federal Government. We need your help now more than ever to continue to provide our Gold Standard of Care and keep essential staff working at this time.

Gifts of **any amount** are always appreciated. Thank you for your support.

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From DHS:

All visits to care facilities restricted for COVID-19 prevention.

The updated restrictions limit all visitors except essential medical and emergency personnel and visitors to residents who are in the end of life.

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Nurse's Note

Help prevent the spread of coronavirus!

"[The] best practice is to disinfect surfaces several times a day, especially the high touch surfaces. They suggest making a checklist of all the places that need to be cleaned and completing it a set number of times throughout the day.

Plain old **soap and water** works to kill the virus. It actually destroys the structure of the virus so that it exposes the DNA inside the protein shell and kills it. If you are running low of cleaning supplies you can use dish soap or any soap to do the cleaning, just don't dramatically dilute it with water. Make sure that it is still sudsy."

Also - remember to wash your hands frequently and thoroughly!

Thank you, Laura Winters, BSN, RN - Edwards Center's RN Manager



We're In This Together

In these uncertain times, our highest priority is the health and wellbeing of all Edwards Center participants and staff as we work hard to get back to business as usual. We are dedicated to high-quality communication and welcome any questions at any time.

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