

### A Note From Allen

Good morning Edwards Center Families,

We're pleased to say we still have no known cases of COVID-19 diagnosed among our residents or staff. Along these lines, I still think it's likely we will before this is all over. In the event we do, we have a robust emergency plan in place that continues to support both staff and residents. It even goes so far as to incorporate the use of Aloha as an emergency housing location should that become necessary.

Personal Protective Equipment supplies (gloves, masks, face shields, etc.) are still very difficult to get our hands on. We have enough for our needs today, but we are likely to burn through them very quickly. Yesterday, for the purpose of emergency PPE distribution, the state listed us as equal in priority to hospitals, clinics and EMS. This should allow us access to supplies distributed through government agencies as well as our normal distributors.

I'm so grateful for our staff RN, Laura Winters. She's been very involved in each step during this crisis. Not all agencies are fortunate to have an RN on staff, especially not one like Laura. She is committed to the health of every one of our residents and staff members. She's been in communication with the physician that sits on our Board of Directors to ensure we're taking all the necessary steps. With the two of them as part of our team, I feel very confident about the approach we're taking to protect our staff and residents, while still meeting all statutory requirements. When the opportunity presents itself, please help me recognize Laura for all the work she's doing! I don't think this is what she originally signed up for!

In addition to Laura, I can't say enough about our frontline staff. You've heard me say before, they are our local heroes. I don't use that word lightly. They are very consciously putting their own well-being on the line for the people we love and serve. I am profoundly grateful for our team.

As always, thank you so much for all your support.

**Allen**

### Nurse's Note

Remember, you can protect yourself and help prevent spreading the virus to others if you:

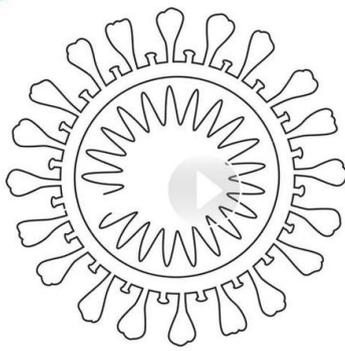
1. Wash your hands frequently for 20 seconds, with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand rub
2. Cover your nose and mouth with a disposable tissue or flexed elbow when you cough or sneeze
3. Avoid close contact (less than 6 feet) with people who are unwell
4. Stay home and self-isolate from others in the household if you feel unwell

Remember, **don't** touch your eyes, nose, or mouth if your hands are not clean

Here is a video from YouTube that was put out by the World Health Organization (WHO). It is 1.5 minutes long and has basic information on how the virus spreads and what you can do to protect yourself.

**Laura Winters, BSN. RN**

## COVID-19



**COVID-19 is an infectious disease caused by a new coronavirus introduced to humans for the first time.**

*Video from the World Health Organization regarding COVID-19*

### Go Fish!

Torbank residents Patty, Kyle, Kiley and Amy have been passing the time by playing cards - Go Fish to be exact!

For many of us right now, this is a challenging time. We hope that you have also been able to find some fun indoor activities to pass the time, just like our friends at Torbank have.



### Stay Up To Date

We have dedicated a page of the website to keep you up to date on all things related to COVID-19 at Edwards Center.

[VIEW THE PAGE](#)

### 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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