# Messages from SMP Health - Maryhill

A Newsletter for Maryhill Families

April 2022

Dear Family and Friends,

We are continuing to offer fun and different types of activities as the snow melts and warmer temperatures increase. During the month of April, we celebrate Easter. Easter is the Christian holiday celebrating the Resurrection, or bringing back to life, of Jesus Christ three days after his crucifixion. In Christian tradition, the Resurrection represents Christ's victory over death and the promise of eternal life for those who follow him. Some Christians refer to Easter as Resurrection Day or Resurrection Sunday. Easter Sunday marks the end of the 46-day preparatory season of Lent, which is significant in cultures around the world.

The Easter holiday has a strong association with springtime and rebirth in the natural world. Easter icons such as eggs, baby chicks, bunnies and tulips symbolize new life and renewed hope. Those are powerful ideas to embrace whether you celebrate Easter for religious reasons or simply because you enjoy the vibrant traditions that go along with the holiday.

#### **Dietary Update**

I am excited to announce Ashley Mcbroom will be the new dietary coordinator at Maryhill, she has been with Maryhill for 8 years. Wendy Flatt will continue to train and support Ashley until April 29<sup>th</sup>. Wendy is not leaving Maryhill but changing responsibilities within the building. Please reach out if you have any dietary concerns.

#### Social Services Update

We are excited to welcome Breana Iverson as the new social worker at Maryhill. She will start training on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Continued resources during the training/transition will be Katie Oehlke or Shannon Mark. Breana is looking forward to start building relationships with all of you!

#### **Front Entry**

The front door continues to be an easy and successful process, please continue to screen in using the screening machine. Grab a mask and enjoy the time with your loved one. Hand sanitizer is available when you walk into the facility on the wall next to the beauty shop or before entering a room.

Please note: if no one answers by pushing the Ring Doorbell please call (701)437-3544 which is the main line to the facility. Please continue to exit the building in the same way using the front entry way by letting yourself out after you are done visiting.

This communication is going to the first contact representative, please share this message with other friends/family members who come to visit. I appreciate the help spreading the word!

### Covid-19 Updates

We are not in outbreak status (zero positive staff or residents) which means residents do not need to be tested. CMS visitation guidelines from 11/12/2021 outlining indoor visitation, visitor testing/vaccination, and resident outings are still in effect. If you have any questions, please continue to reach out!!

SMP Health – Maryhill has an active policy in place to be compliant with the federal mandate at this time and all staff working within the building are either vaccinated or have an approved exemption. Everyone with an approved exemption does need to follow additional guidelines for everyone's protection.

Once the official guidance comes out about offering an additional COVID-19 booster, we will have the ability to offer an additional dose at Maryhill to all residents. We will keep everyone informed but it looks like an official recommendation will be advised in April.

In Our Memories

We extend our sympathy to the families and friends of this special person who had become part of our Maryhill family and has died in the past month. We treasure our memories with them and pray that God will be with their loved ones at this time of loss. We will remember....

Lowell Laufenberg, 1927 – 2022 Earline Dick 1938 – 2022

Stay healthy and God bless, *Bailyn Walz, CEO/Administrator* 



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