## **Messages from SMP Health - Maryhill** A Newsletter for Maryhill Families

September 2022

Dear Family and Friends,

## **Few Updates:**

The front door project is not completed yet but will educate and share information once all the pieces are put together for a go live date. The front door was installed for additional safety and security within the building. Families/visitors continue to use the front door of the building. The screening machine will all be the same process. It is a requirement families/visitors signed into the machine at least once a day and grab your visitor pass. In the interim families/visitors will continue to push the ring doorbell for staff to come let you into the building. Thank you for your continued patience.

Influenza season is coming, and our plan will be to offer the vaccination in the month of October. Once we have an official date set, we will update all of you and gather consents. Influenza is the 9th leading cause of death in the US for residents aged 65 years and older according to the Centers for Disease Control. Please also know that staff at Maryhill also receive the Influenza vaccination to protect the residents they care for.

Please help us make sure your loved one's personal clothing items are labeled. Also remember that when buying new clothes those need to be labeled as well so they don't go missing. Our number one goal is to avoid items or clothing going missing so hopefully this will help to have more eyes on clothing to make sure items are labeled correctly. Thank you for your help!

We are trying to ramp up marketing to hire additional staff and reduce the contract employees working within the building. So, you might see on social media an increase in job opportunities available at Maryhill but please know that staffing is not lacking it will just be to replace contract employees with Maryhill employees.

## **Covid-19 Updates**

Since August 18<sup>th</sup>, we have been in outbreak status with multiple residents contracting the virus. We are hopeful that as we move into September we will flip back to routine and continue with communal dining and activities. Maryhill prides itself on the sense of community it provides within the building for residents to make friends. This time period of being cautious to reduce any future exposure is difficult but hopefully things can go back to normal. Please remember that masking is required while in the facility hallways and hand hygiene is extremely important. If you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home to reduce any exposure to the residents. If you have any questions, please continue to reach out!!

CMS visitation guidelines from outlining indoor visitation, visitor testing/vaccination, and resident outings are still in effect. Please feel free to utilize outside areas for visiting while we continue to have nice weather before winter with your loved ones as well. If you plan to have a large group coming in and want to reserve a family room, please call and we can reserve it otherwise it's a first come first serve basis. Please pass the word along to other family and friends who visit but visiting with loved ones in the main dinning room/living room is not allowed. We are trying to protect other residents as much as possible and ask that when you are visiting to stick to a family room, outside courtyard area, or your loved one's room. Thank you for the support in our effort to keep everyone as safe as possible.

## 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....

Donn Larson, 1930 – 2022



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