



Maryhaven Center of Hope

Catholic Health Services

At the heart of health

We wanted to share the below letter, which was sent to staff last week. We Hope that this is informative.

August 11, 2020

Hi Everyone,

I hope all of you are managing to enjoy your summer safely.

We are all aware that COVID-19 remains a significant risk as evidenced by surges in positive cases in states outside of New York. It is evident that we must remain diligent in our safety practices to avoid contracting and spreading the virus until an effective vaccine is discovered.

I am happy to report after a slight uptick in positive cases weeks ago that, as of today, there are no reported positive COVID cases among staff and individuals at Maryhaven.

Day Habilitation, which has been provided in our residential group homes since the onset of the pandemic and now through on-line Zoom classes, also just opened their doors to individuals living in the community with their families. The Integrated Business Center opened as well to the excitement of many. Of course, census is limited and approved safety plans were implemented prior to their return. Telehealth services are provided to those in OMH and OASAS Programs, and we anticipate those programs opening on a limited basis as well. Thank you to all who helped to make this happen!

Our PPE supply remains adequate. However, we recently learned that there is a national shortage of surgical masks. These masks will be difficult to secure when demand potentially rises in response to a surge come fall 2020. I ask that you conserve these masks to the best of your ability. We continue to receive only small quantities of PPE from the county.

Lastly, with the assistance of Sisters Cathy and Maryaline, Dave Woods and others, we are creating a virtual memorial service on behalf of Maryhaven staff and individuals who lost their lives to COVID-19. I encourage you honor their memory by watching the video with your staff when it is distributed at the end of this month or early September.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer and stay healthy!

Sincerely,

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