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It is hard to believe it has been a full year of the COVID-19 pandemic. We certainly never imagined we would still be under this cloud but it seems to be our reality now and we are all making the best of it. We would like to take this opportunity to share how we are continuing to safely admit new residents at our Village, as well as how our nursing team is seeing residents and continuing to meet their health needs during COVID.



Liz von Wellsheim

Liz von Wellsheim, GNP: Liz is our Medical Director and she had the following to share with us: "At EHL, prior to seeing potential residents for admission to our memory village, we set up either a Zoom meeting or an onsite visit. The choice of a Zoom or home visit is partially dependent of the family's request and also on our Nurse Practitioner's risk assessment. If the potential resident is living in another facility and there has been prior outbreaks of COVID, then a ZOOM meeting is arranged. If they live at home and have very limited community connections, then a home visit is arranged. During the home visit, the Nurse Practitioner is wearing a mask, face shield, and a gown if coming from EHL to ensure limited exposure from our community to their home. Once the potential resident is accepted, then the pre-entry screening of COVID testing occurs and if all is negative, they move in!"

David Henry, LPN: Dave is one of our Health Services Coordinators and he shared the following with us: "Each new resident is administered the rapid COVID-19 test prior to entering the home for the first time. The new resident then quarantines in their bedroom for two weeks. In each bedroom a TV is installed and activities are set up that are customized to the taste of each resident. Our staff then wear protective equipment each time they enter the room and remove it when exiting to mitigate the risk to the other residents during this two-week period.

Nurses continue to stay in close contact with the Resident Coordinators in each home but utilize more telephone calls to monitor the health of our residents. Nurses still arrange face-to-face visits with residents as issues arise and all staff wear face masks and face shields at all times."



David Henry

Think! Prepare! Care!

We prepared the below as a tool for our staff to promote safety in our village and in their personal lives. We would like to share it with you to give you insight on what we are doing here at EHL to protect our residents and staff.

Our team is dedicated to maintaining safety for our residents, employees, and our community. As COVID-19 has descended on our world, we at EHL are following the procedures and “best practice” measures listed below. We ask you to *Think* about your daily interactions and how they impact your residents, your co-workers, your family, and your community. *Prepare* to work at EHL by wearing the required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and report all COVID-19 symptoms to your supervisor. *Care* for your residents, each other, your family, and our community by following all guidelines listed below.



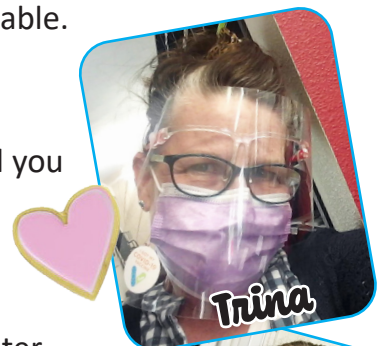
While At Work:

- You are required to wear a medical-grade face mask and a face shield or goggles at all times. You may not enter any building without these items on.
- You will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms and your temperature checked before entering any building and beginning your shift.
- You are required to report any positive or presumptive COVID-19 test result to your immediate supervisor or the Administrator.
- You are required to report any COVID-19 symptoms to your direct supervisor and speak to an EHL nurse prior to reporting to work.
- You are required to follow all infection control protocols to decrease the risk of transmitting COVID-19. This includes but is not limited to: Washing your hands, disinfecting all surfaces, monitoring all residents for COVID-19 symptoms and reporting if symptoms are present.
- Maintaining a six-foot distance from your co-workers when possible.
- Assisting residents to wash/sanitize their hands and assist residents to quarantine/isolate in their bedrooms as applicable.
- Perform frequent hand hygiene/sanitization.

When Away From Work:

While away from EHL, we ask that you practice safe habits and keep in mind you are a healthcare worker who is caring for our most vulnerable population.

- Wear a mask when in any public space such as a grocery store, church, hairdresser, etc.
- Please refrain or limit yourself from attending large social gatherings.
- Practice good hand hygiene. Wash your hands immediately when you enter your own home.
- Monitor yourself and close family members for COVID-19 symptoms and assist them to get evaluated or tested as soon as possible if symptoms develop.
- Regularly disinfect your home and any other spaces where you or your family spend time.
- Please follow the medical guidance from the CDC, Lane County Public Health, and the Oregon Health Authority.



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

All Our Amazing Staff!



Chelsea...are you smiling under there?

This month we want to celebrate the 54 employees of EHL who received their COVID-19 vaccination. We are so pleased with everyone who stepped up to add an extra layer of protection for our residents.



Laura gives us a thumbs up!



Who says standing in line can't be fun?

Thank you



Jada takes it like a champ!



The second round of COVID-19 vaccinations was a success! We had 83 residents and 54 staff vaccinated, most of whom received their second dose.

Round three of vaccinations are scheduled for March 9th. This will be the last round and will be for second doses only.

We want to give a special thanks (again) to *Walgreens* for coming out for this!



Our residents receiving their vaccines with care and compassion.





Thank you to the von Wellsheim family for these washable gowns! We love them, as you can tell!



The last year has certainly been a bumpy ride for everyone. We want to take time to thank each and every one of you for your kindness, compassion, and **PATIENCE** as we continue on this (bumpy) journey together.



In Remembrance

Zonelle "Zoe" Kingsley Martin

Zoe came to EHL in December of 2019. Vanesa, who worked as the Resident Coordinator at the Mt. Hood Home, shared that, "Zoe was the sweetest, most perfect little lady. She loved hugs, kisses, and someone by her side. She was an amazing, loving, and kind person. It was an honor to have taken care of such a special woman and to be able to have received the most sincere smiles, hugs, and kisses. She was very loved and will be missed by all of us." Zoe passed away at the age of 85.



Coming up in our next issue of the Village Voice!



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