



COVID-19 Update

April 10, 2020

We are glad to report that we do not have any cases of COVID-19 in any of our communities. Thank you to everyone for doing your part to stay safe and stop the spread of the virus. Special thanks to our front line staff for showing up and caring for people every day. You are wonderful.

Covia has devoted much of its efforts this week to acquiring and distributing personal protective equipment (PPE) to supply our health care staff among the different communities. Support Services made a large purchase that will be securely stored at Los Gatos Meadows and distributed as needed. An order of 90,000 surgical masks, almost 20,000 facepiece filtering respirators, and over 2,000 disposable gowns arrived on Wednesday, giving us enough supplies to last for approximately 90 days.

We also want to thank Congressman Mike Thompson's office for connecting us with a donor in American Canyon who provided boxes of masks and gloves; Masks for Docs which reached out to us to offer to help with our PPE needs; and all of the residents, staff members, and others who have created and shared cloth masks with our communities. Please refer to your community leadership on the expectations for mask use in your community.

Covia's IT department is working with Zoom to establish new protocols that will make Zoom calls HIPAA compliant, allowing residents to use the platform for telehealth appointments. We will provide more details when the agreement with Zoom is complete.

Ruth's Table, one of Covia's Community Services programs, has started a new initiative called *Enduring Inspiration*. You are invited to make artwork of any medium and share it with Ruth's Table. The *Enduring Inspiration* project culminates in an art show later this year that will display completed works and works-in-progress. Learn more at www.ruthstable.org.

As many of us observe Holy Days this week, we want to give a special thank you to the chaplains in our communities. Their work is highlighted on our blog in a post on staying spiritually connected at <https://covia.org/news/>. However you celebrate, we wish you joy, peace, and comfort.