COVID-19 Update
June 26, 2020

On Thursday, Chief Operating Officer Ron Schaefer presented a summary of Covia’s work to address the COVID-19 pandemic to the Quality First Committee. He notes, “While we may conclude that these low numbers of infection are a direct result of our strict response, we believe that would be only partially true. Even with our strong efforts, the potential for a notable outbreak and associated deaths are high. Our successful fight against this virus has more credit due to God’s grace than to our efforts. Our low COVID numbers are not to be proud of but to be thankful for. We are extremely proud of our team as we work together to do what we can to reduce the potentials for exposure.”

Numbers are beginning to climb again in California and are spiking in some of the counties where you live. We are indeed doing what we can to reduce the potentials for exposures. However, we need your help and cooperation in order to provide health and safety for everyone.

As hard as it is to continue to shelter in place when things appear to be opening up, we would ask that you remain home unless you are going out for essential business.

As annoying as it is to wear a mask every time you leave your home, we would ask that you comply with the statewide order to cover your nose and mouth in public.

We would also ask that you remind your friends and family to comply by these practices as well – for their sake, for your sake, and for the sake of many others. We will not be able to resume normal activities until we reduce the spread of infections, and this virus will continue to spread until we as a society make the efforts necessary to stop it – or until we have a vaccine.

The Covia Foundation announced this week that the 9th Annual Celtic Cup Golf Tournament has been cancelled due to the pandemic. They add, “We are so grateful to this year’s sponsors and participants who have pledged their support despite the cancellation. Their support will directly help provide services for vulnerable and isolated seniors during these difficult times.” Thank you to these sponsors for their generosity. You can find them listed on our website at https://covia.org/giving/events/.

As part of our Employee Essentials program, starting this week team members were able to select fun Family Time options – Netflix, Disney+, Amazon, and more, to be distributed in July. Task force members have shared our entertainment recommendations, attached. We hope this makes it a little easier to stay home!

Send us your questions, comments, or movie recommendations at C19info@covia.org.
Covia’s COVID-19 Task Force
Stay-at-Home Entertainment Recommendations

Prab Brinton, VP of HR:
300 (Amazon Prime)
The Heat (Amazon Prime)
Miss Congeniality 1 & 2 (Amazon Prime)
Like A Boss (Amazon Prime)

Chris Dana, VP of IT:
For the arm chair extreme sports/nature fanatics – Magnetic on Netflix
For those who like quirky people and food – Somebody Feed Phil on Netflix
For twisted souls and Monty Python cronies – JoJo Rabbit on Amazon Prime

Laura Darling, VP of Communications and Spiritual Care
The Battered Bastards of Baseball (Netflix) – About the last independent baseball team
Bathtubs Over Broadway (Netflix) – You will leave humming “My bathroom”
Tea With the Dames (Amazon Prime or Hulu) – Hang out with Maggie Smith, Judi Dench, Joan Plowright, and Eileen Atkins
Maiden (Amazon Prime) – The first all-women’s crew to compete in the Whitbread (Series) Formula One: Drive to Survive (Netflix) – Formula One racing is amazing. Also, those drivers are mighty easy on the eyes.

Grant Edelstone, Senior Director of Risk Management
A Grand Day Out or Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (Amazon)

Chris Ichien
Considering I mostly watch kids movies …. I'll recommend a personal favorite, Meet The Parents (on Starz or Amazon Prime)

Tracy Powell, VP of Community Services:
Schitt’s Creek (Netflix) — hilarious!!!
Chef’s Table (Netflix) Shows how chefs are artists!!!

Ron Schaefer, Chief Operating Officer:
Socially Minded
Amazon Prime Video: Harriet
HBO and Rental: Crash

Mental Escape
Amazon Prime Video: Super 8
Netflix: Ex Machina

Binge-Worthy
Amazon Prime Video: Endeavour
Netflix: The Crown
CBS All Access: Picard

Karim Sultan, VP of Affordable Housing:
Ugly Delicious (Netflix) is a good food show
Ozark (Netflix) and Fauda (Netflix) – both are exceptional
(Ozark is seconded by Prab Brinton, Chris Dana, Chris Ichien, and Tracy Powell)