



FAIRMOUNT COVID-19 PREVENTION AND PROTECTION UPDATE: YOUR SOCIAL DISTANCING CONNECTION POINT

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Dedicated to Faith, Family & Community

These are unprecedented times we are experiencing. From social distancing to the news of the widespread reach of COVID-19 we hear daily, our collective level of fear is at an all-time high. However, it is at times like these that we should put our faith over our fear.

Jesus said that in this world we will experience trouble but we have the peace of mind in knowing that God has overcome the world.

In times of tribulation, we should not turn from our core values; rather, cling to them.

Two of Fairmount's Core Values are Community and Compassion. And it is with these values in mind and in conjunction with much planning, consultation and prayer that we made the bold decision to meet an urgent need in the broader community.

While we still do not have a confirmed case of COVID-19 acquired on campus, we have admitted a patient from an area hospital that is recuperating from COVID-19.

Guidance provided on March 18, 2020, by the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) stated that "nursing care facilities must continue to accept admissions and receive readmissions for current residents who have been discharged from the hospital who are stable to alleviate the increasing burden in the acute care settings. This may include stable patients who have had the COVID-19 virus."

Therefore, we took preemptive measures to prepare a secure negative pressure isolation wing in our Dogwood hallway to treat, safely and securely, any potential positive cases. Negative pressure is an isolation technique used in medical centers to prevent cross-contamination from room to room. In addition, our dedicated team of caregivers were trained specifically for treating these residents using the appropriate protocols provided by the DOH and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

We feel confident in the measures we have taken to ensure everyone's safety and look forward to doing our part to care for our community with Christlike love and compassion.

I ask for your continued support and prayers! I believe this decision is exactly who we are as a community of faith... ***faith over fear!***

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