

Dear Friends,

We are living in a unique, challenging time. The spread of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has brought great uncertainty into all of our lives. I want to update you on what we are doing here at Marymount Hospital to help meet the needs of our entire community in this unprecedented time.

First, I want to ask you to assist us in critical way. The most important thing you can do right now to help us combat COVID-19 is to stay at home.

Staying home and practicing social distancing is the most effective way for you to help prevent the virus from spreading. Please share this message with your colleagues, friends and family. Encourage people who feel ill to try to recuperate at home as much as possible, unless they are having trouble breathing, or feel very ill. In that case, call 9-1-1 or proceed to the nearest emergency care facility.

We have taken many steps to minimize exposure, such as limiting visitors, checking employee temperatures upon arrival at work, and having non-clinical staff members work from home. We have canceled non-essential procedures. We have aligned our personal protective equipment use guidelines with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Our Infectious Disease team is actively working with colleagues and local public health officials. We have daily updates for caregivers on COVID-19 protocols. The planning, preparation and action continues seven days a week.

We've been asked how you can support our caregivers. Again, the most important thing you can do is stay at home. If you'd like to do more, you can support the needs of frontline caregivers with items such as gift cards for meals from local restaurants: <https://give.ccf.org/covid19>

We also are receiving many generous inquiries about donating supplies such as masks, hand sanitizer, and wipes. Curb-side drop-off hours for masks and supplies are Monday through Friday, March 30 to April 30, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the following locations throughout Northeast Ohio:

- Akron General Health and Wellness Center (4125 Medina Road, Akron, 44333)
- Independence Family Health Center (Crown Center II, 5001 Rockside Road, Independence, 44131)
- Cleveland Clinic Family Health and Surgery Center Beachwood (26900 Cedar Road, Beachwood, 44122)
- Cleveland Clinic Richard E. Jacobs Family Health Center (33100 Cleveland Clinic Blvd., Avon, 44011)

Thank you, as always, for your support. We do need your help. Please, stay at home and help slow the spread of COVID-19.

Many thanks,

Daniel Napierkowski, MD, Hospital President