



To: All staff
From: Jim Zache, CEO
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Supply Shortages

We have been working hard to ensure everyone has the equipment you need to keep yourselves and your clients/residents safe. We are checking with vendors daily for the most requested items. We have sought out alternative sources and have been able to fill in some of the gaps that regular vendors cannot. Each week we ask that regions provide a list of needs for the next 30 days. Most items requested are 2-3 weeks out and some are on backorder.

One of the shortages is hand sanitizer. We will provide jugs of sanitizer to refill your current bottles of sanitizer. As mentioned before, the CDC recommends washing hands with soap and water whenever possible because it removes all types of germs and chemicals on hands. Hand sanitizers quickly reduce the number of microbes on hands, but they do not eliminate all types of germs. Additional guidelines on when to use hand sanitizer can be found here: https://www.cclswi.org/files/hand_hygiene_protocol.pdf

For sanitizing wipes, we are experiencing shortages as well. We will need to replace those convenient wipes with a sanitizing mixture. The mixture is a 1/3 cup of bleach to a gallon of water or 4 teaspoons to a quart of water.

- DO NOT combine bleach with any other products, such as vinegar, alcohol, ammonia or window cleaner.
- Spray on the nonporous surface to disinfect, let sit for 10 minutes and wipe away with a wet cloth. For electronics, wet your paper towel and carefully wipe
- Use gloves when handling bleach and make sure you have good ventilation.
- The solution is only effective for 24 hours, so make only what you'll use in a day.
- Paper towels can be sprayed with the solution and used to wipe down your electronic devices.

Direct Care Workforce Funding

This is a non-COVID related item but certainly is of importance to all of the CCLS & CLE Direct Care workers.

As you've read in other articles from us, the Disability Service Provider Network, (DSPN) along with providers like CCLS, have spent time on Capitol Hill last summer and fall lobbying for funds for our Direct Care Workers. The effort was successful and both houses passed the bill which contained twice the money allocated in the prior budget.

What does the mean for you?

If you worked **direct care hours** for CCLS or CLE last year, between July 1st and September 30th, you will receive a payment based on the number of hours you worked in programs supported by MCO funding. The money will be sent to CCLS by the end of April. We will pass 100% of it through to qualified Direct Care Workers, on one of your May pay dates.

Update on our COVID positive resident at CLE-Bayside

We don't have any medical updates on the resident. He is still in the hospital receiving care. If he recovers, he would not return to the facility until he was symptom-free for 14-days and then COVID tested again with a negative result. Most all of the CLE-Bayside employees continue to work. We are very proud of them. They are all wearing PPE. They are helping to confine residents to their rooms as best they can. They have residents sitting one-to-a table for meals. The staff are challenged to find activities to keep them busy in their rooms. We have added extra staff to each shift. All of the family/guardians were notified. They all have wished the staff and residents well and appreciated the information.



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YES, IT'S WORKING!

THE STEPS WISCONSINITES HAVE TAKEN



Staying Safer at Home by eliminating nonessential outings



Practicing physical distancing



Washing your hands frequently with soap and water



Covering your nose and mouth when you cough and sneeze

FLATTENING THE CURVE

- Our initial projections show that without Safer at Home, there would be significantly more cases of COVID-19, resulting in more deaths.
- Safer at Home has flattened the curve, resulting in fewer cases, hospitalizations, and deaths.

