

“Staying positive doesn't mean you have to be happy all the time. It means that even on hard days you know that there are better ones coming.”

Attention: Please read the daily COVID-19 update in its entirety!

In an effort to effectively communicate updates and information to all staff it is essential, expected and mandatory that you read the daily COVID-19 updates provided. Reading all information will keep all information centralized, ensure staff is up to date regarding needed information, and prevent staff questions regarding information that has been already been communicated.

Communications via Text

Through April 30th we are making an exception to our policy regarding texting individuals we serve through personal cell phones. Just remember you need to avoid including PHI whenever possible and you need to make sure your device is password protected. Staff can also use their personal cell phones to text individuals who have signed consent to receive text messages. If you do not have written consent, verbal consent is acceptable until written can be obtained. We are finding that many people who serve may not have extra minutes for phone calls, but they do have the ability to text. The consent is located on the second page of the Consent for Mental Health Treatment.

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA)

Due to Executive Order 2020-30, the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) is allowing individuals with a temporary limited license or a limited license that expires and whose exams were canceled due to COVID-19 to remain valid for an additional 6-month term in order for applicants to sit for their exams and complete remaining requirements for limited or full licensure.

Sick Time during COVID-19 Outbreak

On Friday, it was announced the EOC (Emergency Operations Center) had asked businesses in St. Clair County to track the number of employees who were 1) not able to work or provide critical services due to quarantine; or 2) calling in sick and unable to work due to their illness. We would like to clarify that employees should follow their standard procedure of notifying their supervisor if sick (or quarantined). We ask that **supervisors** then report this information daily to Caroline Corby at (810) 966-3536 or cacorby@scccmh.org.

As a reminder, the information will only be reported to the EOC who uses it strictly for their data tracking.

EAP

On Friday, information was included on the Employee Assistance Program, which is a benefit available to you as an employee. In addition to McLaren Port Huron Industrial Health (810-982-4980) and Professional Counseling Center (810-984-4202), the following agencies are also available to provide you EAP services.

NorServ Group, 810-329-4798

Renewal Christian Counseling Center, 810-966-0099

EAP providers are currently providing services via phone and/or video. When you call the EAP provider for services, be sure you indicate it is for EAP services. These services are confidential and the first five (5) visits are at no cost to you.

Bouffant (scrub hats) Caps

Do you know how to sew and looking to help others? Local hospitals are asking for handmade bouffant caps. Any design, all patterns are welcome, if possible with a little bit of stretch to accommodate personnel with more hair.

Drop off locations for these donations are:

- Marysville High School, 555 E. Huron Blvd
- Port Huron High School, 2215 Court St
- Port Huron Northern, 1799 Krafft Rd.
- Port Huron Tri-Hospital EMS (for PPE only) 309 Grand River Ave.

This can be done on CMH work time.

Soup Kitchen

Mid-City Nutrition is looking for eight (8) ounces or less reusable containers for soup they are passing out each day. Styrofoam or plastic containers with lids are ideal. However, they also accept clean cottage cheese, sour cream or other containers in those sizes too.

Donations can be dropped off at Mid-City Nutrition's front door. Please ring the doorbell and someone from Mid-City will assist you.

A Beautiful Me

Right now, it is easy to focus on what we don't have, things we can't do, places we can't go, people we're missing. What if we flip that narrative, focus on what we do have, things we can still do, and things we now have time for.

CMH staff are encouraged to wear orange on Thursday, April 2nd and take part in the Gratitude Challenge. Working from home... snap a picture, share it on your Facebook Page or on the CMH Facebook Gratitude Challenge post with #GratitudeChallenge.

Return to Work Date

The CMH Staff return to work date is tentatively set for Thursday, April 30th

CMH Facebook page/Website

Just a reminder to check out our CMH Fb page for lots of great tips to help get through this "situation" and please share on your page. We also set up a "Covid-19" button on our website, sccmh.org with lots of great resources for the community. Please help spread the word. Just a reminder all of the daily "Covid-19" updates are on the "staff resource" webpage in case you need to reference them at a later date.

Kudos Section

Can he fix it... YES HE CAN!! Thanks to John Stein's crafty thinking, he was able to quickly build shields to protect clerical staff working at the front desk.

Kudos to Dona Nabozney who has been printing our resources for parents and activities for kids and dropping them off on family's doorsteps!!

Thanks Barb Sudomier for all your helpful suggestions...keep them comingJ