

April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Dear Residents and Families,

This update comes with two important notices:

- Effectively immediately, Samaritan is back open for visitors (**except** for some on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)!
- This past week, we had our Annual State and Federal Survey – and passed with flying colors!

We are so sorry that we needed to close down over the Easter weekend. We know that many residents and families were looking forward to coming for a visit. Many of you were able to take advantage of the beautiful weather and get together outside.

We continue to follow the necessary guidelines. With this past closure, we have done the necessary testing and all resident and staff COVID testing has been negative, thus we are able to open back up. We still need to follow the guidelines below and those provided at the screening table.

- **All visitors must sign in and out each visit.**
- **Please review and follow the visitor guidelines provided at the Screening Table.**
- **Masks are required for both visitor AND resident during the visit. This includes both indoor and outdoor visits. Masks must fully cover nose and mouth. Cloth masks and “gaters” are acceptable if clean and in good repair.**
- **Face shields do not count as masks**
- **Families are not allowed to feed residents at this time.**
- **Second floor residents will be able to have visitors starting 4/15 (unless they are still on quarantine).**
- **Please try and avoid arriving between 2:15pm-2:45pm as this is our shift change.**
- **Visitors please bring your own wheelchair or walker if needed. We do not have these currently available.**
- **Vaccinations are encouraged for all staff, residents and visitors.**
- **Current Visiting Hours – 9 AM to 7 PM Monday- Friday. 8 AM to 3 PM Saturday and Sunday.**

Please call if these times do not accommodate your family. We will make arrangements with you to ensure that you are screened and able to get in and out of the building.

A second highlight is that we completed our Annual State and Federal Survey this past week. Please see the attached letter that went out to staff congratulating them. Staff continues to work very hard! If you know of a great person who would be a great addition to our team – please have them check out the opportunities on our website at [samaritancampus.com](http://samaritancampus.com).

Next Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, the County Board will be voting on the resolution to approve the concept of Washington County continuing to provide long term care services. The Resolution is attached.

We have been a part of aging services for well over 100 years. Looking ahead to the future, it has been important that this be decided and hopefully affirmed that we continue to provide services for the many years ahead. The community has been a part of this learning, discussion and recommendation to the Human Services Committee and County Board.

You are welcome to attend this upcoming Board meeting (as with any of these) or view on YouTube.

Stay healthy and we hope to see you soon!

Thank you for your ongoing patience and support as we see light at the end of the pandemic!

*Mari Beth Borek*

Mari Beth Borek, NHA  
Campus Administrator

# Memo

**To: Samaritan Campus**  
**From: Mari Beth Borek, Campus Administrator**  
**Date: April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**Re: GREAT NEWS – Annual State Survey results**

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Earlier this week I sent a note reminding all of us to BELIEVE, TRUST AND BREATHE....

Today I am happy to share that because of our belief and trust in each other (and a whole lot of work from everyone!!!) we can all BREATHE just a little easier knowing that the Annual Survey Team had great things to say about Samaritan and our team.

**One of surveyor said twice, “This was a good survey!”  
This was indeed a great survey.**

**We had ONE resident care citation and ONE tag under life safety.**

The resident care citation was isolated to one resident with no actual harm but potential for harm. This had to do with getting and following through on a necessary lab order.

The one life safety tag was related to one ceiling tile not being in the ceiling in a linen room.

This is EXCELLENT after all the questions, reviews, observations and record checks over the course of four days!

We expected our Annual Survey last February or March. With the onset of the pandemic, all surveys were put on hold for the year. It has been two intensive years – with change here, regulatory change and a pandemic!

Infection Control has been a key issue in every survey; especially with COVID.

All of our Infection Control materials, processes and observations were all compliant. That hardly ever happens. This is one of those highly tagged cites.

Resident Interviews were good. Quality care and quality of life areas were really good. Meals were good. Medication pass and wound dressing change were “perfect”.

Staff was all pleasant and very responsive. Thank you to all – that makes the surveyors job much easier - AND represents the values and mission that we live out everyday!!

**CONGRATUALTIONS TO ALL!**

You sincerely make a difference to our residents and families who BELIEVE and TRUST us with very precious lives and care!!

Thank you!!

1 **WASHINGTON COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

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3 Date of enactment: \_\_\_\_\_  
4 Date of publication: \_\_\_\_\_

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6 **2021 RESOLUTION 5**

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8 **Resolution Supporting Concept of Continuing Long-term Care for**  
9 **Washington County Residents**

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11 **WHEREAS**, Washington County has served elderly residents for over 100 years; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, Samaritan Health Care Center first opened its doors in 1968 as a nursing  
14 home and the building is over 50 years old needing significant repairs and replacements; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, the model of continuum care for the physical, emotional and mental health  
17 of the elderly has changed significantly, the need of taking care of our most vulnerable citizens  
18 and Washington County's value of love-thy-neighbor has not changed; and

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20 **WHEREAS**, the campus has grown to include a wide array of service offerings and in  
21 order to continue offering a continuum of care that is second to none, whether it's assisted living,  
22 short term rehabilitation, sub-acute care, skilled nursing, bariatric, long term care or end of life  
23 care;

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25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Washington County Board of  
26 Supervisors that this Board hereby approves the concept of continuum of care for county residents  
27 with the preference that a public/private partnership model be utilized in the delivery of services  
28 moving forward.

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30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Board hereby directs the Washington County  
31 Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution to all state senators and assembly members representing  
32 Washington County constituents.

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35 VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR PASSAGE: Majority

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37 RESOLUTION SUMMARY: Approve the concept of continuum of care at the Samaritan Health  
38 Center for county residents with preference that a public/private partnership model be utilized.

1 Approved as to form:  
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3 Bradley S. Stern, County Attorney  
4 Dated \_\_\_\_\_  
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6 Approved:  
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8 Josh Schoemann, County Executive  
9 Dated \_\_\_\_\_  
10 ☐ Veto  
11 ☐ Partial Veto  
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13 (No direct fiscal impact at this time.)

Introduced by members of the HUMAN SERVICES  
COMMITTEE as filed with the County Clerk.

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Kristine M. Deiss, Chairperson  
Considered \_\_\_\_\_  
Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Noes \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_  
Voice Vote \_\_\_\_\_