

Parents and Friends of Ludeman Center

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Stay up-to-date

Be sure to check the PFLC website for the most specific and up-to-date information on the effects of COVID-19 at your Ludeman and the Center's response.

Have access to PPEs of any type? We are informed that currently Ludeman has an adequate supply but with the uncertainty of how long the pandemic may go on, they would be very appreciative of any donations of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Donations can be mailed to the Ludeman Center and to the attention of Lisa Robinson, Center Director.

Thank You!

All 7 Parents Groups Meet with Illinois DDD Officials on COVID-19

On April 2, 2020 Allison Stark, Illinois Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities & Tiffany Bailey, Associate Deputy Director for SODC Operations met via teleconference with representatives of all 7 SODC Parent (Guardian) groups. PFLC Executive Board members, Pam Hill, Sarah Ross & John Haley took part in the meeting.

Director Allison Stark and Tiffany Bailey updated us on steps already put in place to address the COVID-19 pandemic, answered questions that our members have brought to us, and shared preliminary contingency planning. We greatly appreciate the ongoing open communication that the DDD has maintained with us and our parents and guardians throughout this difficult time. We thank them too for their able handling of the ever-changing challenges brought on by the coronavirus.

Here are some of the many steps being taken across all the SODCs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- We closed all on campus day training sites.
- Individuals are not attending off campus day training sites.
- All group activities were cancelled.
- Individuals are encouraged to remain in their bedrooms.
- Meals are served separately to individuals and/or small groups with adequate spacing.
- There are no visitors permitted at the Center.
- There are no community outings occurring.
- Detailing of staff to other areas is limited.
- Screening staff for symptoms at designated checkpoints and not allowing them to work if they fail to pass the checkpoint.
- All individuals' vitals are taken on the AM shift and PM shift.
- Continual training of staff regarding sanitation, handwashing, and the use of personal protective equipment (PPE).

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- Providing personal protective equipment (PPE) and reuse guidelines following guidelines from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- Enhanced cleaning on frequently touched surfaces, such as doors, handrails and light switches, etc.
- Individuals who exhibit signs and symptoms of COVID-19 are placed in isolation.
- Follow isolation protocols for people served.
- Staff have been instructed to inform the Center if they or a family member are experiencing symptoms and whether they were tested. This allows the Center to take immediate protective actions.

While this time can be lonely for residents because there are no group gatherings, our staff are still working to engage residents and ensure they have the appropriate support.

Finally, a thanks...

We would like to express our thanks to the entire Ludeman staff. From administrators who keep channels of communication open and address the ever-changing challenges brought on by this pandemic, to the nurses, the doctors, the food service workers, the engineers and maintenance staff... and to the direct care tech staff who show up every day to care for our loved ones, we say, "Thank You So Very Much!"

Thanks every day, but especially during this most difficult time.

Add your thanks...

It would be great if in these difficult times if we would all send thank you cards to the staff in our homes and the other helpers around the Ludeman Center. We all know these are such challenging times for our staff and their families. Let them know we appreciate them and their being there for our loved ones.