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Hello everyone,

It's been almost three months to the day since the first Coronavirus case was reported in Manitoba. I know for many of us, especially those with family/loved ones in long-term care, that seems like a lifetime ago.

As we see a reduction in infections, it's natural to have a desire to return to normalcy such as having as many visits – and visitors – as we would like with our loved ones. Unfortunately, our “new normal” right now is actually defined by our co-existence with COVID-19. The safety of our patients and residents remains our first priority.



We continue to follow public health directives to ensure safety in a carefully-phased approach. We are working on improving the Misericordia Place outdoor visit experiences and it's wonderful to be able to welcome limited Transitional Care visitors inside Misericordia Health Centre.

We acknowledge outdoor visits aren't ideal for everyone and are also continuing with window and iPad virtual visits.

We are also excited restrictions on items entering our facilities have now been updated to allow for more flexibility. While we encourage wipeable packaging, items such as cards, books, plants, flowers and all food items are now permitted.

A reminder it's important more than ever that you continue to respect physical distancing requirements, wash your hands and please stay home if not feeling well.



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## **Congratulations to...**

### **JOY ARADO**

It is with great pleasure I share that as of July 20, 2020, Joy Arado will be our Resident Care Manager for the C5 Transitional Care Unit for the next year, covering a maternity leave for Tania Maryalaya.

Joy is currently the Clinical RN for the C6 Transitional Care Unit and has worked at Misericordia Health Centre since 2014. She is a natural fit for the position with nursing experience in acute care, personal care homes and within clinical education.



Joy can be reached at [204-788-8130](tel:204-788-8130) or email: [jarado@misericordia.mb.ca](mailto:jarado@misericordia.mb.ca).

### **JENN KLOS**

I'm thrilled to announce Jenn Klos has been hired into the position of Recreation Manager. Jenn was able to overlap with Ellen Locke before Ellen's retirement to ensure a smooth transition.

Jenn comes to MHC from St. Boniface Hospital, where she was working as a recreational therapist in the mental health program. Jenn has much rich experience with Music & Memory, research projects and creating innovative programming.



Jenn will be balancing attempting to resume more "regular" recreational programming while maintaining COVID-19 guidelines.

Jenn can be reached at [204-788-8059](tel:204-788-8059) or email: [jklos5@misericordia.mb.ca](mailto:jklos5@misericordia.mb.ca).



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## Mass and non-deminational services returning to Misericordia Place & MHC

Starting in July, priests will be providing Mass at Misericordia Place on Sundays and at MHC on Fridays. Non-denominational services will also be led by Spiritual Health staff. Services will be held on the units, rather than the chapels, for now.

## Misericordia Place salon re-opens!

We're excited to share that Susan Weselake, MP hairdresser, is back working Mondays to Thursdays – wearing full protective personal equipment. We're following public health hairdressing salon directives very carefully, such as having only one client in the salon at a time and thorough sanitizing between clients.

We appreciate your patience as Susan works dilligently to catch up with all the appointment requests.



## Adopt-a-Pot

Misericordia Place is once again welcoming donations of “Adopt-a-Pots.” If you would like to drop off a plant/flowers at 44 Furby Street it will be planted by your loved one. Alternatively, if you do not live in the city we will purchase flowers with your donation to our Foundation.

MHC Foundation: 204-788-8458 or email [mhcfoundation@misericordia.mb.ca](mailto:mhcfoundation@misericordia.mb.ca)

I hope you find these updates helpful. I appreciate any feedback I receive: please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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