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A letter from Edward-Elmhurst Health

Edward-Elmhurst Health is prepared and has a coordinated, well-executed plan to address the coronavirus pandemic.

While the community at large does their best to maintain social distance, our healthcare professionals are coming in every day to take care of our patients. We're deeply grateful for and so proud of our staff, who are working hard and dedicating themselves to keeping our patients—and each other—safe.

We're also thankful for the support from our local, state and federal officials. From the federal coronavirus relief package signed into law March 18 to the Department of Health and Human Services allowing doctors to practice across state lines, these legislative measures help immensely.

Our elected officials are supporting our efforts, working to secure essential financial aid and promoting the message of social distancing to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Amid this crisis, Edward-Elmhurst Health, along with most of the healthcare organizations in the country, is facing a shortage of supplies: critical resources like masks, ventilators, hand sanitizer and personal protective equipment.

In order to keep everyone as healthy as possible and maximize our capacity to care for everyone who needs medical treatment, we rely on your help.

▶ **Stay home if possible.** This is of utmost importance. If you don't need to go out, don't. Work from home and keep your children active but maintain social distance. We appreciate the support of our mayors and the governor, who have taken action to ensure social distancing.

- ▶ **Don't use medical supplies unnecessarily or stockpile essential medical supplies.** Things like masks and hand sanitizer are important to healthcare professionals who are caring for COVID-19 patients. Instead, follow the recommendations the CDC offers on its website to protect yourself from coronavirus.
- ▶ **Donate blood.** Now that everyone is staying home, the number of blood donors has dropped. It may sound counterintuitive to go out to a blood drive, but we are encouraging healthy donors to give blood. Red Cross has put new safety measures in place to protect staff and donors, including checking the temperature of staff and donors before they enter a drive location, providing hand sanitizer throughout the donation process and spacing beds in accordance with social distancing guidelines. More attention is also being given to disinfecting surfaces and equipment. Versiti.org lists donation locations on its web page.
- ▶ **Wash your hands often with soap and water, don't touch your face, and avoid contact with sick people.**
- ▶ **If you start to feel symptoms—fever, cough, shortness of breath—stay home** and call your physician or the Illinois Department of Public Health hotline, 800-889-3931. They will give you direction on next steps to take. Your cooperation with this is essential to contain the spread of this virus.

Our website, EEHealth.org, is a key source of information on how you can maintain your physical and mental health, as well as the latest information on what we're doing about coronavirus. Visit our frequently updated page, EEHealth.org/coronavirus.

**We appreciate your cooperation and support during this pandemic.
Know that we are working tirelessly to keep you well.**

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