

Dear Friends,

By now you have read the stories about [COVID-19's](#) impact on a few nursing homes across the country. We are all saddened to hear how this virus has swept through these facilities with tragic results. For all of us – with our own special connections to nursing homes – the heartbreak we feel in hearing these stories is deeply personal.

Dr. Kim Petrone, St. Ann's Medical Director was interviewed this week by all the local news outlets covering a detailed update St. Ann's provided to the public ([read the entire statement](#)). Dr. Petrone's message was clear: This pandemic brings unprecedented challenges. The virus has no vaccine and is very stealth. Testing availability remains very limited. And, the highest risk population lives in nursing homes.

From the start of this crisis, St. Ann's has faced COVID-19 with fast action to safeguard the health and well-being of our elders. We are grateful for our "healthcare heroes" on the front lines keeping our elders safe. Our caregivers' selfless service is inspired by the people we serve ([see some of their stories](#)).

This generation of elders living at St. Ann's are the builders, teachers, farmers and factory workers that made Rochester a great place to call home. They sacrificed to raise their families and invest in the future. For all that this generation has given, St. Ann's will do all that we can to give them a safe and comfortable home in this unprecedented time.

We know we are not in this alone. Our community and our donors have responded with donated masks and face shields, food to keep our employees energized, generous contributions, and most important, prayers of support. We thank you. If you are interested in helping our elders and care givers, the easiest way is to make a gift to our [Area of Greatest Need Fund](#).

Until there is a vaccine or treatment, the community spread of this virus will require all of us to take great caution. Every day, we will be on the front lines of this battle protecting our elders. For all they've given, we will be there to keep them safe.

Be safe,

Steve Smith

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