

Coronavirus Statement from Ursuline Ministries

The Ursuline Sisters and Ursuline Ministries have established protocols with stakeholders in light of the worldwide Coronavirus outbreak now touching northeast Ohio to increase safety for our sisters, residents, clients, program participants and employees at our locations in Mahoning and Ashtabula counties. Ursuline Ministries includes Beatitude House, Ursuline Sisters HIV/AIDS Ministry, Ursuline Preschool & Kindergarten, the Ursuline Education & Wellness Center and Ursuline Sisters Senior Living.

We are assessing vulnerabilities of clients who may not have the resources to weather a protracted illness or period of quarantine, creating plans to aid families whose food security and child care will be affected by school closures, and working to ensure staff members are available to cover critical functions should we have a sustained community outbreak.

We have implemented system-wide measures to reduce transmission, including regular disinfecting, providing education around preventive measures, encouraging social distancing, allowing remote work when possible, modifying client programs, and postponing large events and non-essential meetings. We are also implementing employee policies that provide flexible sick leave and protective measures for interacting with the public.

In order to best protect sisters and senior living residents at the Ursuline Motherhouse and Education Center, as of March 16 we have cancelled all Education and Wellness classes and programs and are limiting outside visitors until further notice.

Ministering in the Mahoning Valley since 1874, the Ursuline Sisters of Youngstown are Catholic nuns responding together to the most critical needs of God's people in northeast Ohio. Through the charism of our founder, St. Angela Merici, we live the Gospel and adapt our ministries to meet the times.

Respectfully,

Sister Mary McCormick, General Superior
Ursuline Sisters of Youngstown

Brigid Kennedy, President
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