



**URSULINE MINISTRIES**  
Furthering the mission of the  
Ursuline Sisters of Youngstown

## **Coronavirus Statement from Ursuline Ministries**

*"You are moving mountains. You are saving lives....  
This is no small thing that we are doing together."*

In the words of Ohio Department of Health Director Dr. Amy Acton, our "no small thing that we are doing together" is our commitment to our employees, volunteers, clients, patients, school families, Ursuline Sisters Senior Living residents, the Ursuline Sisters and our larger community to stay the course and continue to work to keep each other healthy and safe while delivering life-giving services.

Ursuline Ministries will continue the precautions we have had in place since March, such as restricting visitors, requiring masks and physical distance, adjusting workflow, and performing extra site cleaning and hand sanitizing. We still encourage and support remote work and service delivery when appropriate and ensure that employees have adequate paid sick leave. We are taking necessary measures to further improve COVID-related workplace safety and are working to source the supplies we expect to need for a long-term response.

Our vision for Ursuline Ministries is fullness of life for all. In an effort to mitigate pre-existing inequities that have been amplified by this crisis, we have been providing education and supplies for COVID-19 prevention, material assistance, emotional and mental health supports, spirituality offerings, and trauma and resiliency resources to our clients and employees, and we will continue to seek ways to encourage their wellbeing. We have also joined community efforts that share our goals.

As appropriate, we have begun to discuss and implement ways to ease back into some in-person client-centered activity for the Ursuline Sisters HIV/AIDS Ministry and Beatitude House Ministries and planning how to safely bring students and teachers back to Ursuline Preschool & Kindergarten in the fall. However, at this time, we are not hosting any large in-person meetings or programs, and we will be waiting until Ohio and Mahoning county have sustained decreases in transmission and hospitalizations before we resume Silver Sneakers and land and water wellness classes at the Ursuline Motherhouse & Education Center or any other group programs that serve populations more vulnerable to COVID-19.

We are grateful for the work our employees and supporters are doing to sustain our ministries during these difficult times, and we pray for the grace to keep "moving mountains" and "saving lives."

Respectfully,

Sister Mary McCormick, General Superior  
Ursuline Sisters of Youngstown

Brigid Kennedy, President  
Ursuline Ministries