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## Catholic Health temporarily suspends visitation

In response to the recent increase of COVID-19 cases across Western New York, Catholic Health is temporarily suspending visitations at its hospitals and long-term-care facilities effective Friday, Nov. 13. Catholic Health made the decision in consultation with its infection control specialists and with the support of the New York State Department of Health to protect the health and safety of its patients, long-term-care residents, and staff.

"While we are not required to suspend visitations at this time, we think it is the prudent thing to do based on what we are seeing

in the community," said Mark Sullivan, president and CEO of Catholic Health. "Throughout this pandemic, our first obligation has been to ensure we provide the safest environment for our caregivers and all those entrusted to our care."

Exceptions to these visitor restrictions will be made in certain circumstances, such as for those receiving end-of-life care; for spouses, life partners and birth partners of maternity patients; and for essential support persons of patients with special needs. In these cases, visitors will have to submit to a verbal

health screening, temperature scan and other infection control protocols.

This temporary visitation policy applies to the following Catholic Health facilities:

- ✓ Kenmore Mercy Hospital
- ✓ Mercy Hospital of Buffalo
- ✓ Mount St. Mary's Hospital
- ✓ Sisters of Charity Hospital and its St. Joseph Campus
- ✓ Father Baker Manor
- ✓ McAuley Residence
- ✓ Mercy Nursing Facility at OLV
- ✓ St. Catherine Labouré Health-care Center

## IN THE NEWS

### 'Shop with a Cop' returns in NT

The North Tonawanda Police Union (NTPBA) will conduct its annual "Shop with a Cop" event at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11.

North Tonawanda PBA President Erik Herbert said, "This year we are excited to be joined by the North Tonawanda Fire Union (NTPF local

133) as we work to aid families and children in need. Officers will take families shopping for hats, coats, boots, clothing and toys for the upcoming holiday season. The event allows families to get to know first responders in a positive way.

The program is supported entirely by donations by our police officers, firefighters and local businesses. The NTPBA would like to thank Walmart (886 Niagara Falls Blvd., North Tonawanda) for hosting the event, as well as East Hill Foundation and Gratwick Hose Volunteer Fire Co. for providing their generous donations. We are expected to have over 140 children in attendance, making it

the largest turnout in the event's history."

Social distancing and COVID-19 protocols will be strictly followed.

### Fashion Outlets 'Million Meals Challenge' drive-thru food drive to benefit FeedMore WNY

Community invited to celebrate World Kindness Day Saturday by dropping off nonperishable food donations at Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls

In celebration of World Kindness Day, Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls, USA, will host a drive-thru food drive to benefit FeedMore WNY on Saturday, Nov. 14. The food drive is part of the Fashion Outlets' parent company - Macerich - "Million Meals Challenge," an initiative to support local community food banks from coast-to-coast.

The drive-thru food drive will take place from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at mall entrance four (located near the Niagara Falls mural). Those who drop off nonperishable food items will receive a Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls swag bag. Monetary donations to Feed More WNY will also be accepted here.

"Now more than ever, the services FeedMore WNY provides to our community are invaluable. Each dollar raised and every food item donated makes a difference," said John Doran, Fashion Outlets of Niagara Falls property manager. "We're making it easy with drive-thru, contactless donations. And with more vulnerable community members in need, we hope that those who are able to donate, do."

By working together with Macerich's other properties throughout the country, the company is aiming to help serve a million meals to those in need.

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