



COMMUNITY MEMO

DATE: Wednesday, March 18th, 2020

TO: All Community Members

FROM: Sirdog, Super Administrator

SUBJECT: Lunarys Projects & COVID-19's Affect on Their Progress

Greetings, everyone.

I wanted to take the time to announce some of the projects that are being discussed in the management channels of Lunarys. While the original plan was to announce these close to or at the time of release, circumstances have resulted in encouraging me to reveal them sooner for the sake of transparency. I want the community to know that plans for change are ongoing despite a lack of communication on the front-end.

After I sufficiently announce those projects, I'll take some time to explain why COVID-19 is affecting their progress and for how long.

First and foremost, the Modded Minecraft server. Leadership is heavily interested in having that brought back onto the Lunarys infrastructure. Capslock taking the initiative to make his own modpack and put the server on his own infrastructure is the reason why leadership voted for his ascension to Senior Administrator. Once there is confirmation Capslock will have console access to the server, and that server performance and progress will not be impacted, the server will migrate back to Lunarys.

Secondly, a forum! When Lunarys originally launched leadership was firm on not possessing one, however, after much coaxing they have agreed to launch one for the sake of organization. This forum will *not* possess any medium for general discussion or memery. Instead, it will focus on the following:

- Housing and organizing suggestions.
- Housing reports of abuse against staff and players.
- Housing reports of bugs or other technical issues.
- Housing ban appeals.
- Housing the official rulesets (excluding Discord).
- Housing applications for the staff team.
- Housing requests for Patreon benefits to be added or edited.

Users that have no intention of doing any of the above may safely not possess a forum account. Staff members will be required to make one as secret sections of the forum will be available to them for various purposes.

The only thing holding the forum back is a major bug resulting in emails not sending, which is a major problem for email activation on accounts. As such, the URL will be withheld until the issue is corrected. If you find the forum by yourself and attempt to make an account you will be denied.

Thirdly, the Patreon. It is still very much a thing and in all reality is ready for release today. However, because the forum houses the area dedicated to requesting benefits or general assistance, it must release with the forum.

. Lunarys will have 6 tiers at launch, starting at \$1 and maxing out at \$25. Tiers will stack. They are:

- A custom Discord role stating your tier's unique name starting at Tier I.
- Reserved slots on *all* Lunarys services at Tier II.
- A custom Discord tag at Tier III.
- Your Discord tag brought in-game at Tier IV.
- An extra Discord-only tag to be given to a person of your choice at Tier IV. They must consent.
- A second extra Discord-only tag to distribute at Tier V.
- Your own VC with a name and permissions of your choice at Tier VI.

The forum will house a page dedicated to explaining the various policies and restrictions of those benefits once it launches. The community is, as always, more than welcome to suggest changes. Management and leadership attempted to balance things worth having while trying to avoid gameplay advantages.

There is one other major project that I can't really name-drop at the moment as it still has yet to face a formal vote and discussion by leadership due to other issues, bugs, and what not taking precedence. I just want to hype y'all up (hopefully you care enough to be hype...) about it. If it passes a vote and functions as intended it could be a game-changer for the community, for either good or worse.

Now we move on to the topic of why all of these projects are being slowed down because of COVID-19. The main issue is the numerous public facility shutdowns in the United States.

BlueNova currently works for an organization that is probably classified as an "essential" business in the United States. Thus, even if a shelter-in-place quarantine is called for his area (and to clarify I am not implying whether or not that may happen; this is simply conjecture to get across a point) he may still have to work, and his work is being hammered due to a very significant increase in demand. He performs this job part-time in conjunction with being a college student, which has now very suddenly shifted completely online. So he is currently juggling his own personal projects that got him into coding in the first place, his work having an increased demand, his school suddenly shifting online, and Lunarys issues - all within a roughly 2-3 week period. This is also shortly after he finally had his doubled-technical workload from Sushiloid's absence alleviated.

Sushiloid works full-time and is well out of school but his work, like BlueNova's school, has shifted entirely online very suddenly; and thus the company is having quite a shock adjusting to those conditions. This is within a month of him finally getting life affairs in order after having suffered 2 major traumatic life events.

Thus, they are both struggling.

Because the two technical gurus of the community are currently out of commission, as myself and Rekening lack the skill to implement any of the above projects independently, most all change in the community is halted indefinitely. If progress is made it is because they forged the time to do so of their own volition; but there will be no push of any kind from myself or management for them to work on anything until conditions improve.

And with that, I conclude this memo. Any questions, comments, or concerns can be brought to me.

If I have frightened anyone with my discussion of COVID-19, I apologize - I simply wish to be transparent with the community about it's progress when such situations occur.

Please ensure to follow the advice of the [WHO](#), [CDC](#) (or an equivalent health authority in your country), and local health officials regarding what to do during this time.

Fear mongering, distribution of false information (e.g "[drinking bleach cures COVID-19](#)") or discussion of conspiracy theories as fact will not be tolerated. Doing any of this as a joke of any level will be treated equivalently.

Thank you all, and have a pleasant evening!