

## COVID-19 UPDATES

### **10/23/2020 – VISITATION IS POSTPONED**

Dear Residents and Family Members:

We were notified on Thursday, 10/22/20 that an asymptomatic staff member has tested positive for COVID-19. In accordance with NYS Department of Health (DOH) guidelines, the employee was made aware and was instructed to quarantine at home for 14 days. The NYSDOH has also been notified, and the facility will be conducting contact tracing to identify any staff or residents who might have been exposed to the employee during the incubation period. It is with regret that, in accordance with DOH guidelines, we must now postpone visitation to LCC for 14 days as a result of this positive test. As outlined in previous updates, a single positive test result will affect visitation in NYS nursing homes. We will update you as soon as visitation can be resumed.

While this setback is so disappointing, we were able to welcome visitors back for a short time. Family traffic had been steady, and our staff witnessed some very emotional reunions after so many months. One particular story they shared was a “surprise” appearance by a resident’s granddaughter that resulted in many happy tears from the resident, granddaughter and, of course, staff fortunate enough to be present during that celebration! We, as always, remain optimistic and look forward to being a part of many more of these reunions in the near future.

This week, Governor Cuomo reported that New York State has one of the lowest COVID test positivity rates in the nation. Among all 50 states, New York’s testing positivity rate on a 7-day rolling average—1.17 percent—is the third lowest of any state. While this is good news for New Yorkers, the Governor cautioned that we will need to look ahead to stay ahead of this virus, especially with fall and winter weather posing an additional threat. We can’t give in to “COVID fatigue!”

Despite another delay to facility visitation, we are doing our best to keep the residents engaged. We all know that Halloween is a magical holiday beloved by kids and adults alike. While Halloween plans remain an uncertainty for many communities this year, LCC has it covered. On Friday, 10/30, we will start the day off with our annual Halloween Bake Sale where staff prepares and donates their favorite themed goodies—always a resident and staff favorite! If those cakes and cupcakes didn’t satisfy everyone’s sugar quota, a “Reverse Halloween” event in the afternoon may solve that problem. Since the kids will not be permitted into the facility to receive their treats from the residents, LCC staffers will get creative, don their favorite costumes and head to each unit, distributing candy to our residents! Finally, if your loved one mentions that many staff is wearing pink today, they are correct. LCC staff is honoring Breast Cancer Awareness Month!

Until further notice, we will revert back to FaceTime, Skype, and/or Window Visits as alternatives to in-person visitation. As usual, you may contact Carolyn at **Ext. 231, or 845-235-8231** to arrange your virtual visit. Please keep in mind that visitation guidance may be revised at any time by our regulators, so please check this site frequently for any changes.

If you have any resident-specific questions or concerns, please contact Anita, Asst. Director of Nursing, the Nurse Managers, or our Social Workers for assistance. Stay safe!

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Administrator