

COVID-19 Update

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To Our Residents and Family Members:

First and foremost, I am pleased to inform you that our designated COVID-19 section is now empty! Our last COVID-19 positive resident was successfully transferred back to a Rehab bed on May 26 after results of a second negative test were received. Currently, we have no COVID-19 positive residents in the facility.

I am saddened to report two long-term resident deaths in the last several days. One occurred over the weekend in the hospital, and one expired at LCC last evening. Both residents tested negative for COVID-19. Our prayers are with the families at this difficult time. There are three residents that tested positive in the hospital, currently.

After obtaining signed consent forms, Lutheran Care Center, in conjunction with the Dutchess County Department of Health, began baseline COVID-19 testing of all our residents today. We anticipate completion of the testing tomorrow and will anxiously await results from the lab. Residents and family members will be alerted within 24 hours of any resident testing positive and/or exhibiting respiratory symptoms.

Last week, in compliance with the Governor's Executive Order, Lutheran Care Center began our twice weekly diagnostic testing of staff for COVID-19. With the first week of testing completed, 175 tests were conducted, and we identified one staff person with a positive result. Positive results must be reported to the Department of Health no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day following the receipt of positive results. At present, there are three staff members isolating at home, as per NYS DOH and CDC guidelines.

Our next weekly website update will be posted on Friday, 5/29. Our Unit Managers, Social Workers, and the Director of Nursing are always available for clinical updates, and/or any resident concerns you may have.

Be safe—stay home when possible. We will get through this.

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Administrator