

## COVID-19 UPDATES

### 12/4/2020 –VISITATION REMAINS POSTPONED

Dear Residents and Family Members:

On Wednesday, Governor Cuomo announced that the statewide COVID-19 positivity rate dropped slightly to 4.63%, but hospitalizations and ICU admissions rose. Due to the surge in COVID cases, the Governor indicated that he will resume holding scheduled COVID briefings three times a week. While he discussed that a vaccine is near, and healthcare workers and nursing home residents will be the first groups to receive it, for most New Yorkers the vaccine is still months away. He also expressed concern that holiday social activity will worsen the trend, and despite a light at the end of the tunnel, we all will have to work even harder to slow the spread.

LCC has identified no new resident or staff cases since our last update on 12/1/20. Our two residents in the designated COVID section remain asymptomatic but will continue to be monitored and complete the recommended quarantine period. All LCC residents are being re-tested as per DOH guidance, and all weekly staff COVID testing is ongoing.

As the Christmas season approaches and visitation to the facility is on hold, we want to update you on some of our holiday activities, as well as our usual favorites, that keep our residents engaged. Annual holiday decorating kicked off on each unit this week with participation limited to 1-2 residents at a time to maintain distancing. Our music therapist is strolling around the facility and offering “in room” music therapy, while Carolyn’s team is providing individual crafts, puzzles, and interactive hall games. In addition, the residents are enjoying our coffee and snack cart when the recreation team conducts one to one visits to provide socialization and stimulation. Finally, on December 23, “our employee Santa” will be arriving and distributing gifts to the residents on every unit.

Also, I am pleased to announce that Suzanne Hughes, RN has accepted the position of Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON). Suzanne held several positions at LCC over the years, including Director of Admissions and ADON, so she is no stranger to many of the residents and/or staff. Anita and I are looking forward to her assistance in keeping your loved ones healthy, safe and happy, so please join me in congratulating Suzanne and welcoming her back to the LCC Team! Resident-specific questions or concerns can be forwarded to Anita, Suzanne, the Nurse Managers, or our Social Workers.

As usual, I encourage you to stay connected to the residents through FaceTime, Skype and Window visits. **Appointments are available by contacting Carolyn, as soon as possible, at 845-235-8230 or 845-235-8231 to schedule your visit.**

Help make everyone’s holiday season brighter--get tested, physical distance, and most importantly, wear a mask! Be safe and stay well.

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