

## COVID-19 UPDATE

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To Our Residents and Family Members:

The Governor announced this week that the Mid-Hudson region has entered Phase 4 of reopening. In addition, he warned that while we've made incredible progress as a state, that progress is fragile. "A virus anywhere is a virus everywhere," and New Yorkers must be mindful of that reality as many states are seeing surges in COVID cases. He reiterated that we must continue to stay disciplined, smart, and cautious.

The total number of New Yorkers testing positive for COVID-19, as well as virus-related hospitalizations and intubations, is still declining each day. Since our last update, there are no new positive cases in our LCC resident or our staff population, and the designated COVID-19 section is empty. LCC continues to have no COVID-19 related deaths to date.

Last weekend, both residents and staff enjoyed our July Fourth festivities! On Saturday, July 25, we will be having a "Christmas in July Car Parade" celebration. It's never too early to celebrate Christmas—even five months early—and there's still plenty of time to do your shopping! There will be Christmas music, a holiday float, as well as visits from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Similar to our previous parade of cars, we are asking our families and friends to assist us with this event by decorating your car (or sled, if you prefer!) with Christmas decorations and to make signs, banners, etc. for your loved ones to enjoy. If you would like more information or want to sign up to participate, please contact Cherie Ferguson at 845-235-8161, or email her at [cferguson@tlcn.org](mailto:cferguson@tlcn.org). No ugly Christmas sweaters required—too hot!

If you are planning a "window visit" or a FaceTime/SKYPE visit this weekend, please call Carolyn by **4 pm today, 7/10** to schedule. This enables us to arrange sufficient staff assistance as excess "unscheduled" visits may not be accommodated. Please remember to wear your mask, and no contact is permitted with the residents during window visits. Carolyn can be reached today at **845-235-8230** or by email at [cbrazil@tlcn.org](mailto:cbrazil@tlcn.org). Carolyn will be on vacation beginning Monday, 7/13/20, returning on Monday 7/20/20. During this time, please call the Recreation Department at 845-235-8231 or email at [recreation@tlcn.org](mailto:recreation@tlcn.org) for scheduling or activity related questions.

The LCC staff goes above and beyond each and every day, but even more so during these challenging times. While we can't do enough to show our support and appreciation, each Thursday we try—we call it "Thankful Thursday!" Yesterday we honored our staff with a barbeque, followed by ice cream sundaes--a small token for "healthcare heroes!" Please join me in recognizing our amazing LCC staff!

Any concerns or questions you may have about your loved one can be directed to our Unit Managers, Social Workers, or the Director of Nursing. For more information on the virus, please visit the CDC and/or the NYS Department of Health websites.

Finally, I regret to say that nursing home visitation restrictions are still in place. We all must do our part to continue the progress New York has made--stay home when not feeling well, get tested, and respect physical distancing guidelines. And, most importantly, wear a mask if you cannot maintain the recommended distance from others.

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Administrator