**COVID-19 UPDATE**

**7-30-202—ALL VISITATION SUSPENDED IMMEDIATELY**

Dear Residents and Family Members:

**Our ongoing COVID testing** of staff identified one new positive result today. That staff person was informed and instructed to quarantine at home for 14 days. Contact tracing to identify any other residents and/or staff that may have been exposed is in progress, and the NYS and the Dutchess County Departments of Health were informed.

As we have discussed in the past, the DOH identifies even **ONE NEW** positive staff or resident result as an “outbreak.” So, LCC is deemed to be in an outbreak currently, and **DOH confirmed that we must suspend all visitation** to the facility. An outbreak requires house-wide testing of all residents and staff which was initiated today. When all test results are received, and no new cases are identified, we will resume visitation. I know that this news is frustrating, but we must abide by NYS DOH regulations.

Until we can reinstate unrestricted visitation, FaceTime, Zoom and Skype visits are available. Please contact Carolyn at your earliest convenience to schedule your virtual visit. Our Nurse Managers, Social Workers, and the Assistant Director of Nursing are available to provide you with information.

Thank you for understanding that these decisions and restrictions from the NYS DOH are out of our control. Covid-19, and most recently, Delta variant cases are on the rise all over the country again. Therefore, please--get vaccinated, if you have not done so already. In addition, the CDC is recommending that everyone, fully vaccinated or not, resume wearing a mask in public places.

Please check this website often as we will be updating any and all visitation changes here. Be safe.

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