

COVID-19 Update

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To Our Residents and Family Members:

As you are aware, last week Lutheran Care Center completed baseline COVID-19 testing of our residents. Partial results were available in our last posting on Friday, and we are now in receipt of additional results. Using the swabbing method, 119 residents in total were tested. 113 of those residents tested negative for COVID-19; one (1) resident tested positive. That resident has been transferred to the designated COVID-19 section of the facility and will be closely monitored while isolating. We were notified by the Lab that six (6) resident test specimens were compromised during transport, and those residents were retested this morning. Individual families were contacted by phone with the definitive results for their loved ones.

In compliance with the Governor's Executive Order requiring twice weekly diagnostic testing of nursing home staff, LCC has completed more than 500 diagnostic tests to date. Most recent results received identified two (2) staff members that tested positive. Both staff persons were contacted and have been instructed on the NYS DOH and CDC quarantine requirements. NYS DOH has advised nursing homes in the county that staff may not return unless they have at least one negative COVID-19 test, following quarantining at home.

Our next weekly website update will be posted on Friday, 6/5. Our Unit Managers, Social Workers, and the Director of Nursing are always available for clinical updates, and/or any resident concerns you may have.

During these challenging times, I urge you to remain diligent in following CDC and Department of Health recommendations—wear your mask, wash your hands frequently, and social distance whenever possible. We will get through this if we all do our part. Stay safe!

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Administrator