

LUTHERAN CARE CENTER

July 9, 2024—Covid Positive Residents

Dear Residents and Family Members:

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday weekend, and I also hope your air conditioning was, and is doing its job! The good news is LCC's air conditioners are fit as fiddles, but we can't say the same about all our residents. I checked my files and the last time we "met" regarding Covid cases was January 2024, and I have really enjoyed the last virus-free six months!

Unfortunately, as recently reported in the news, there is a summer resurgence of a new Covid variant which apparently is now the dominant strain and is considered highly contagious. Over the weekend, LCC identified four residents on one unit that tested positive for Covid-19. The residents are on transmission based droplet precautions and are being closely monitored for any exacerbation of symptoms. Out of an abundance of caution, we are also promoting physical distancing in the dining room, and of course, today we tested all residents residing on the affected unit where another four tested positive. All positive residents are symptomatic which includes cough, fever and congestion. Our Medical Director and the NYS and local Departments of Health have been notified of these cases, and we will continue to do contact tracing testing as per CDC and NYS DOH guidelines. The next round will be conducted on Thursday.

As you are aware, containing respiratory illnesses is very challenging, but we are being proactive and implementing a number of interventions. Our Environmental Services Department, as always, is working diligently to clean and sanitize high traffic areas and surfaces throughout the facility. Staff is washing and sanitizing their hands frequently, and the Nursing staff is closely monitoring affected residents for changes and observing all residents for the development of any new symptoms.

Visitation to the facility is currently not affected, but if you choose to visit, we strongly urge you to wear a well-fitted mask and to stay current with your vaccines. Also, in an effort to protect our residents on the unaffected units, we request that if you do visit Unit 1 North, please exit the building immediately and do not visit any other areas of the facility. If you prefer to postpone your visit until this outbreak resolves, please take advantage of our virtual visitation options to stay connected.

All questions should be directed to your nurse manager or our social workers for more information. This site will continue to post covid results and general facility updates, as needed.

Stay cool and be well.

Pat Ludington, RN
Administrator