

## COVID-19 UPDATE

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To Our Residents and Family Members:

In his daily COVID-19 briefing today, Governor Cuomo reported that the number of new cases, the number of hospitalizations, and the number of COVID-19 related deaths in New York State dropped to their lowest levels since the pandemic began. New York State is moving forward with its “Phased” reopening!

Since our last update, we have received final results of the baseline testing for all LCC residents tested. One positive result was identified out of the 120 residents tested. As per NYS DOH guidelines, that resident will continue to isolate in our designated COVID-19 section, pending retesting and two negative test results. Two of our three COVID positive hospitalized residents were discharged from the hospital to home. The third resident continues to test positive. LCC has had no COVID-19 related deaths to date.

Staff testing produced two new positive results this week. They are now isolating at home.

While our residents’ families and friends are currently unable to visit, LCC staff is working tirelessly to engage and care for our residents, despite the personal and professional risks they face. They willingly consent to the mandated diagnostic COVID-19 testing to ensure they are not spreading the virus within our facility. Not all heroes wear capes, but they do wear masks! Please join me, again, in thanking LCC’s masked “health care heroes!”

We would like to remind you that in lieu of window visits on **Saturday, 6/13 at 10:30 a.m.**, we are planning a “drive-by parade” for the residents. We are requesting family members to sign up to participate in the one hour event by decorating your cars with balloons, streamers, etc. and slowly driving around our driveway while waving, beeping your horns, and/or holding up signs for “your” special resident! If you are interested in signing up for this special event or would like more details, please contact Carolyn at 845-235-8230, or our Nurse Manager, Cherie, at 845-235-8161.

“Virtual visits” with your loved ones via SKYPE and FaceTime can be facilitated by Carolyn and our Unit Managers, as necessary. Please use those opportunities to stay connected with our residents. **\*\* (Please review the additional “Window Visits” posting today on the website.)**

I want to assure you that our Unit Managers, Social Workers, and the Director of Nursing will continue to provide you with clinical updates or to discuss any resident concerns you may have as they arise. Please visit the CDC and/or the NYS Department of Health websites for general information on the virus. We want you to be able to visit us again as soon as possible, so please help by wearing your masks, getting tested, and respecting social distancing recommendations.

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Administrator