

## COVID-19 UPDATE

### 2-27-2023—MASKING UPDATE

In a recent posting, we informed our family members and friends that recent guidance declared that masking now in healthcare facilities would be optional. Revised guidance issued within 48 hours of the original guidance reinforced the importance of mask wearing as one of the most powerful “non-pharmacological infection prevention strategies we have in health care settings. This is especially true in skilled nursing facilities that serve a very vulnerable population, and most recently, we had several residents and staff with active Covid. Recommendations and regulations from the NYSDOH and the CDC during this Public Health Emergency (PHE) were frequently revised. What has not changed are continuous changes!

**The purpose of this update is to reinforce that until further notice, we must require all staff, as well as visitors to LCC to continue to wear a well-fitted mask at all times when in the facility. We join the many large and prestigious healthcare institutions in NYS that have issued similar guidance in their facilities to protect their patients and staff. Less frequent Visitor Covid testing guidance will continue to be followed and will be conducted every three days.**

Still in effect...if you have been exposed to any respiratory viruses or are currently sick, please stay home and use our virtual visitation technology to stay connected. Carolyn and her team can assist you and your loved one to arrange a “visit.” We remain grateful for your patience and understanding of these changes as we do our best to care for and protect your loved ones.

Resident specific questions or concerns should be directed to our nursing, social work, or administrative staff, and you should monitor this website frequently for any facility related news.

Be safe and be well.

Pat Ludington, RN  
Administrator