

COVID-19 UPDATE

1-19-2021 – COVID Positive Results

Dear Residents and Family Members:

Yesterday, the Governor reported on the continuing grim COVID-19 statistics throughout New York State. However, he reported that while hospitalizations are still rising, it is encouraging to see that the rate of increase has slowed significantly.

Since our last posting, families affected by new resident positive cases have been notified, as well as the NYS and the Dutchess County Departments of Health. Those residents were transferred to our designated COVID unit where they will be monitored and will quarantine for 14 days. Additionally, staff persons testing positive were 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. Our hearts go out to the families and friends who have lost a loved one over the last several days. Please know that you are in LCC's thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

As the entire country struggles with this viral scourge, and we report ongoing resident and staff cases, we are encouraged by the positive outcomes we have had, as well. Since the third week of December, we have 38 staff members that have recovered and returned to work. In addition, in that same timeframe, 23 residents have recovered and been transferred from the COVID unit back to their own units/rooms. Finally, on two testing days last week, no new cases were identified.

Scheduling for the second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine for our residents and staff is slated for tomorrow, 1/20/21. While we are optimistic, the virus still poses a serious risk, and our staff will continue to wear masks and be tested twice weekly. Our personal protective equipment inventories are at the required state and federal levels, and enhanced cleaning and disinfecting of the facility are occurring at increased frequencies.

Obtaining the COVID-19 vaccine is, to say the least, challenging for the public due to limited supply and extraordinary demand. Hopefully the local supply will increase in the coming days and weeks, so you should continue to explore all options to get you and your family members vaccinated. In addition, you must continue to physically distance, wash your hands, get tested, and always wear your mask in public. "COVID fatigue" is real, but so is the virus. Stay strong!

As always, our Director and Assistant Director of Nursing, nurse managers and social workers are available to answer your questions about your loved ones and to provide any support or information you may require. I am also available to help support you during this crisis, so please feel free to contact me.

Additional information regarding COVID-19 and vaccine administration will be posted here so please continue to monitor the website regularly.

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Administrator