

LUTHERAN CARE CENTER UPDATES

5-19-2023—More Good News!

Dear Residents and Family Members:

Yes, you read that correctly--more good news—May is turning out to be one of my favorite months!

As many of you may be aware, effective May 11, 2023, the Public Health Emergency (PHE) declared as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic officially ended. It took a long time, but we'll take it. Not to be outdone, the Commission of Health declared that influenza season has also ended! That being said, today's good news is the requirement to wear a mask while inside the facility is no longer in effect! Visitors, as well as our staff may literally breathe (LOL) a sigh of relief now without their glasses fogging up. I've heard some of our staff say they are having some adjustment issues to this liberation! But they'll ease into it, I'm sure—especially as we look forward to the start of the dog days of summer.

Don't be confused or alarmed if you still see some staff donning their masks—this is a personal choice for their own protection. We also encourage visitors to the facility to do the same if that makes you feel more comfortable. If you would like to continue wearing your own mask for a little while longer, please continue to do so. We will, as always, continue to monitor CDC and Department of Health guidance for any updates or changes.

Again, I want to express my gratitude for your support, understanding, and encouragement throughout this unprecedented period. While we look forward to once again seeing your smiling faces, if you cannot visit in person, virtual visitation will remain an option, so please contact Carolyn or one of her staff for assistance.

Be safe, be well and SMILE!

Patricia Ludington, RN
Administrator