COVID-19 UPDATE

5-19-2022—Confirmed Covid-19 Cases

Dear Residents and Family Members:

Updating this website yesterday, I shared some facts on recent Covid-19 statistics, and today I have a few more. As of Tuesday, the average of new, confirmed coronavirus cases in the United States surpassed 100,000 a day for the first time since Feb. 20, according to a NY Times database. That figure is up 61 percent from two weeks ago. We developed this site to communicate facility Covid cases to residents and family members, and unfortunately, it looks like it could be around indefinitely.

After posting results on Wednesday, LCC identified an additional 5 residents on Unit 1 South that tested positive for Covid-19. As always, those cases were reported to the NYS and Dutchess County Departments of Health. On the bright side, no additional staff have tested positive.

If you recall, we recommended using "virtual visitation" temporarily due to the surge in cases in our area. This stemmed from observations by our staff that residents testing positive appear to have coincided with Mother's Day. As anticipated, we had many more visitors than usual which also increased the risk of virus transmission. Again, if possible, please consider postponing inperson visits and staying connected utilizing FaceTime, Skype and Zoom technology. Carolyn and her staff are happy to assist you, if needed.

If you choose to visit in-person, all visitors are requested <u>NOT TO REMOVE YOUR MASK</u> when you are with a resident, and you are required to present a negative Covid test result. If you were exposed to someone that tested positive recently, please do not visit. It may take a few days for an antigen test to detect the virus, but you can still transmit it to your loved one.

Again, always mask in public, get tested if not feeling well, stay home if you were exposed or are having symptoms, and stay up-to-date on vaccine recommendations. Following these guidelines will demonstrate your commitment to our residents and staff! Thank you for caring!

Stay safe.

Patricia Ludington, RN Administrator