

COVID-19 UPDATE

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To Our Residents and Family Members:

Other than preparing the staff and the facility for resumed visitation, I am pleased to report that it's been a quiet week.

While COVID-19 cases surge in many states across the country, New Yorkers testing positive and virus-related hospitalization numbers hit a new low this week. Since last week's update, there have been no new positive cases in our LCC resident or staff population, and the designated COVID-19 section is empty. Our facility had no COVID-19 related deaths to date.

We do have some news to share from our Recreation Therapy Department. After two years with LCC, our music therapist, Vincent Capogna, will be leaving us to pursue new endeavors. He has provided countless hours of entertainment and joy to our residents with his talent and his enthusiasm for music. His last day will be Friday, 8/8. While we will miss Vincent, we are happy to welcome Christina Tadin who will be joining us on 8/11. Christina is a graduate of SUNY New Paltz and is a board certified music therapist. She lived and worked in Canada for a number of years before returning to the US to work with memory care residents in long-term care settings. Her musical skills include the guitar and lap harp, and she is well-versed in hand chimes and percussion instruments. Christina's focus will be utilizing music to improve cognition, mobility, and fostering positive interactions with our residents. Please join me in wishing Vincent much luck and in welcoming Christina as she begins her new role!

Just a reminder, due to the popularity of our "Window and FaceTime Visits," we strongly suggest that you schedule your visit in advance, so our residents are "visitor ready." Please contact Carolyn by **4 p.m. today** to schedule your weekend "visit." She can be reached at **845-235-8230** or by email at cbrazil@tlcn.org. Unscheduled visits may not be accommodated. Please help us by confirming your visit in advance.

All Unit Managers, Social Workers, and/or the Director of Nursing are available for any specific concerns or questions you may have about your loved one. Please visit the CDC and/or the NYS Department of Health websites for more information on the virus.

As an extreme heat wave hits New York State, we want to stress that COVID won't stop spreading simply because it's hot. Even in this heat, it is essential to wear a mask outdoors. It may not be comfortable, but we can't stop now! Physically distance, stay cool, and stay safe!

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Administrator