

COVID-19 Update

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To Our Residents and Family Members:

As you are aware, we have intensified our infection control precautions and are closely monitoring the condition of all our residents. A resident we previously identified and transferred to the hospital for evaluation for suspicion of the virus tested negative and returned to LCC. The resident was sent out again on Friday evening, 5/8, and has since tested positive. The resident was admitted to the hospital, and the family, as well as the NYS DOH, was immediately notified. No additional cases have been identified.

Yesterday, the Governor of New York, in his daily briefing, announced that new hospitalizations, intubations, and the total hospitalization rate, statewide, continue to trend downwards. The Governor also announced several NEW directives for skilled nursing facilities:

- All NYS nursing home staff must be tested twice a week for COVID-19. The test must be a “diagnostic” test, not just screening for temperature, etc. This is mandatory and will be as implemented as soon as NYS nursing homes submit their facility-specific plans and receive DOH approval;
- Going forward, hospitals CANNOT discharge patients to a nursing home unless the patient tests NEGATIVE for COVID-19;
- Nursing homes that are unable to provide the appropriate level of care for a COVID-19 positive resident must transfer the resident to another facility that is able, or if they cannot find one, must notify the NYS Department of Health for assistance.
- All additional measures previously implemented must continue.

This update was provided to you due to several recent changes. Our regular COVID-19 Update will be provided at the end of the week, per usual. Contact your Unit Manager, Social Worker, or the Director of Nursing for resident clinical updates, and/or for any resident concerns you may have as they arise. And, for additional information on the virus, we recommend that you visit the CDC and/or the NYS Department of Health websites.

What can you do to help--Stay Home and flatten the curve!

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