

COVID-19 UPDATE

11-18-2021—HOLIDAY INFORMATION

Dear Residents and Family Members:

It's hard for me to believe that the holiday season is upon us already! However, rarely caught off guard is our staff that has been busy with Thanksgiving preparations for our residents and families. We will be having a celebratory worship service in the chapel beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, and Chaplain Kelly-Ray will be conducting individual table blessings in the dining rooms on each unit prior to the meal.

Hot off the presses, our Thanksgiving Menu is as follows:

Creamed Butternut Squash Soup
Roasted Turkey with Traditional Stuffing, Gravy and Cranberry Sauce
Green Bean Casserole
Mashed Sweet Potatoes
Warm Dinner Roll
Apple or Pumpkin Pie

**** New “Visitation” guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, as well as the New York State Department of Health has been issued, effective immediately. Please be sure to review the link on the website for more information.**

For those families and friends that would like to join their loved ones for the holiday meal, we will be offering two seatings in the Adult Day Health Center area, **12 p.m. – 1 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.**, for our residents and guests—cost for guests will be \$9.00 per meal. Please be sure to alert Carolyn and her team for this option so we can plan and ensure the area is visitor-ready. **If a visitor has a positive viral test for, or symptoms of COVID-19, you should not enter our facility.** All visitors will be screened in the lobby reception area prior to entry.

We know that this is a big holiday that you have probably missed sharing with your loved one at LCC. If you would like to host your resident for a home cooked feast at your house, please let us know ahead of time. We strongly urge those taking advantage of this option to follow all recommended infection prevention practices during the visit, including the use of face coverings or masks, physical distancing and frequent hand hygiene—for the resident and the guests. Residents will be screened for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 upon return.

While there is so much to be thankful for this holiday, I am particularly thankful for our always dedicated staff, AKA, Healthcare Heroes. In the spirit of the holiday, we took some opportunities to show our appreciation in more tangible ways. LCC staff was recently honored with an employee appreciation barbeque. Not only was there great food, but we also had a lot of fun playing our “Best Of” game—staff voted for co-workers in a number of categories, such as best smile, most polite, etc. “Best” of all was that the winner in each category received a Dunkin Donut gift card! Knowing you can't live on sweets alone, the following week we raffled off 20 turkeys to lucky staff. Please remember to thank our staff for their hard work each day and keep them and LCC in your prayers.

Carolyn and her team are available to assist with FaceTime, Zoom and Skype visits, if you are unable to visit in person. Our Nurse Managers, Social Workers, and Nursing Administration are available to provide you with any individual resident information or assistance you may require. Also, it is with regret that I must inform you that our current Director of Social Work, Erin Hartwick will be leaving us to pursue other opportunities. Please join me in thanking Erin for all she has done for LCC, and we wish her all the best in her new role. I'm excited to announce that Patricia (Tish) Mosiello has been appointed to the Director of Social Work position. Tish has been a social worker for over 20 years in various areas of healthcare, including long term care and discharge planning. Please feel free to contact Tish at 845-235-820 and wish her a successful transition.

New York State vaccination statistics are very promising, so please do your part to keep your loved ones safe by rolling up your sleeve and get vaccinated. "Booster doses" will provide a boost in the fight against COVID-19 so eligible New Yorkers have continued protection against the virus. Please check the NYS DOH website to determine if you are currently eligible for the booster.

Be well, be safe and Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families!

Patricia Ludington, RN
Administrator