

COVID-19 UPDATES

12/18/2020 –VISITATION REMAINS POSTPONED

Dear Residents and Family Members:

Earlier this week, we informed you that several of our residents had tested positive for COVID-19, and they were quarantining in the designated COVID section. We are happy to report that one of those residents returned to their own room today, and the remaining positive residents are doing well and currently have no symptoms.

No additional residents have tested positive this week, but we were notified that one staff member tested positive for COVID-19 today. In accordance with NYS DOH guidelines, the asymptomatic employee was made aware and was instructed to quarantine at home for 14 days. The NYS and the Dutchess County DOH's have also been notified, and the facility will be conducting contact tracing to identify any staff or residents who might have been exposed to the HCP during the incubation period. **Confirmation was received today that resident and staff COVID vaccine administration will commence at LCC on 12/30/2020. More information will be posted as soon as we receive it.**

Due to the increase in resident test positivity and out of an abundance of caution, we made the decision to postpone the Craft Fair and the Bake Sale. That decision, while disappointing, is most likely, in the best interest of both residents and staff as we try to do everything to contain the spread of this virus in the facility. On that front, we are requesting that the few families that choose to do their loved one's personal laundry allow the facility to assume this responsibility until further notice. Again, evaluation of all our procedures at this juncture is necessary to limit potential entry of the virus into the building. As Governor Cuomo pointed out in yesterday's message, it takes just one person who is infected and doesn't know it to spread this virus. In addition, half of all cases are spread by people that have no symptoms. Your cooperation and understanding of these decisions helps us tremendously as we navigate potential transmission sources.

Updates to this website are usually done on Fridays, unless communication of a positive test result requires an additional posting. Next Friday is Christmas Day, so there will be no regular update provided. Despite the challenges of this year, we will do our best to make the holiday as festive and enjoyable as possible for our residents. The Christmas main meal will consist of roasted sweet potato ginger soup, sliced roast beef with au jus gravy, au gratin potatoes, whole green beans and a chocolate chip brownie for dessert! As always, an alternate meal choice is available which will be baked fish with a mustard chive sauce.

This holiday season will prove especially difficult for our residents and their families that cannot be with them. We are fortunate that, while not the same, virtual visits with your loved ones are available and encouraged. Due to heavy demand, please contact Carolyn, as soon as possible for an appointment for your FaceTime, Skype, or Zoom visit, if you have not done so already. She can be reached at **845-235-8230 or 845-235-8231.**

Our Nurse Managers, Social Workers and Director of Nursing are here for your resident-specific questions or concerns, so contact them for any support you require. The greatest gifts that we can give to each other this year are simple: Get tested, physical distance, and most importantly, wear a mask! Be safe and Merry Christmas to all!

Patricia Ludington, RN, Administrator