

COVID-19 UPDATES

11/6/2020 – VISITATION REMAINS POSTPONED

Dear Residents and Family Members:

There have been no new resident or staff cases identified since one resident tested positive on 10/29/20. Despite two negative COVID-19 test results since identification, that resident, as well as the resident's roommate, remains quarantined for 14 days in our designated COVID section as a precaution. All LCC residents continue to be re-tested as a result of that positive test, as per DOH guidance, and visitation is still postponed. Resumption of visitation privileges will be posted here as soon as we become eligible.

While much of the country is experiencing a resurgence of COVID cases, Governor Cuomo confirmed that New York State's 1.86% COVID test positivity rate yesterday (excluding cluster areas) is still among the lowest in the country. With the onset of Fall weather, most experts predicted this increase in cases which NY will manage using a "micro-cluster" strategy. However, the best way to contain the spread of the virus is for each and every one of us to consistently wear a mask.

I do have some good, and long awaited, news to share—**nursing homes were approved to resume in-house salon services**. As with most NYS DOH approvals, this comes with a number of provisions and guidelines to which we must adhere. We are in the process of implementing the required safeguards and will alert you when we can begin accepting appointments for services.

Despite the challenges this unprecedented year has presented, LCC is looking ahead to Thanksgiving planning for the residents. Chaplain Kelly-Ray will lead a holiday observance on each unit throughout the morning and then return, midday, to offer table blessings as the festive turkey dinner is served. Also, Friends from Our Savior Lutheran Church in Fishkill have generously crocheted 45 colorful shawls/lap robes that will be distributed to residents on Thanksgiving Day. Lastly, since it is too soon to speculate on what our facility's visitation status will be, we are anticipating larger than normal requests for holiday "virtual visits." In order to accommodate as many families as possible on 11/26, please contact Carolyn, beginning immediately, to obtain your confirmed appointment for FaceTime, Skype, or Window Visits. She can be reached at **Ext. 231, or 845-235-8231**.

Until visitation is resumed, daily virtual and/or Window Visits can be arranged by contacting Carolyn for an appointment, as soon as possible, to secure your spot.

Resident-specific questions or concerns can be forwarded to the Director of Nursing, Nurse Managers, or our Social Workers. Stay safe and be well!

Patricia Ludington, RN
Administrator