

LUTHERAN CARE CENTER UPDATES

5-4-2023–Good News!

Dear Residents and Family Members:

While the weather this week has been nothing less than dismal, and we anxiously await the return of the sun, I think I have some news that might bring a synthetic “ray of sunshine” to our readers.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) announced that, effective May 1, 2023, Long Term Care facilities are no longer required to notify residents, their representatives, and families following the occurrence of either a single confirmed infection of COVID-19 or three or more residents or staff with new-onset of symptoms. Since the onset of the pandemic over three years ago, we have been reporting these occurrences to you via this website, anxious for the day when it would no longer be necessary. Well, this guidance from CMS confirms that we have turned the corner and now have a good handle on this scourge!

Despite some of the news reported here being less than upbeat, it has been my pleasure to keep you informed of the status of your loved ones, as well as our staff. We were always transparent with our statistics and the infection control procedures we implemented to protect those in our care, and that won't change.

Lastly, thank you for your support, understanding, and encouragement throughout this unprecedented period. That is what enabled us to get through each day. We will continue to utilize this website, hopefully, for important announcements and special events, so drop by occasionally to check. Virtual visitation will remain on our “always available menu,” if you can't visit in person, so please contact Carolyn or one of her staff for assistance.

Be safe and be well.

Patricia Ludington, RN
Administrator