

COVID-19 Update

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To Our Residents and Family Members:

On Thursday, 4/29/20, we issued an update on the number of new COVID-19 cases that were identified at LCC. Two of the three reported cases have been transferred to the hospital for evaluation, and no new cases have been identified since Thursday.

We were encouraged to hear from the Governor that hospitalizations and new COVID-19 cases in New York State declined slightly again this week. Locally, Dutchess County announced that they will begin a pilot program whereby they will provide COVID-19 swab tests, as well as PPE, for nursing home staff to perform safe and accurate testing. In the County's efforts to protect residents and personnel from this pandemic, the County Executive has petitioned the Governor to make available enough tests to ensure every nursing home resident in Dutchess County is tested.

Yesterday, in addition to our ongoing interventions, Dr. Riddle, our Medical Director issued a directive suspending all scheduled external consultations for our residents, with the exception of medical emergencies, until further notice. Any time a resident leaves the facility there is increased risk for exposure to Coronavirus and, upon their return, the potential for transmission to other residents.

Today, we again acknowledge LCC's "Health Care Heroes" for their dedication and courage. I am proud to share that one of our own staff members was able to secure a donation of 200 face shields from the HVAMC at SUNY New Paltz where her daughter works. This will provide additional protection to all our front line staff. Special thanks to Rachel Eisgruber and SUNY New Paltz for your generosity and support.

As all non-essential visitation remains suspended, Therapeutic Recreation's Carolyn Brazil and our Unit Managers are here to help you to stay connected to our residents via phone calls, SKYPE, and FaceTime. If you prefer a "Window Visit," please call Carolyn (845-235-8230) twenty-four (24) hours in advance to coordinate.

These updates will be provided to you as often as necessary, and you can contact your Unit Manager, Social Worker, or the Director of Nursing for clinical updates and/or any concerns. For additional information on the virus, we recommend that you contact the CDC and/or the NYS Department of Health websites. Be safe—stay home!

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Administrator