

## **COVID-19 UPDATE**

### **1-5-2021 – COVID Positive Results**

Dear Residents and Family Members:

Warmest wishes to our families and friends for a Happy and Healthy New Year! Similar to what is occurring all over New York State, we begin the New Year with more positive resident and staff COVID-19 cases. In response to the increase, we are communicating with New York State Department of Health. They visited the facility today and will share their expertise and recommendations with us.

Since our last publication, over the next day or two, we anticipate the clearance and return of six staff members that completed their mandatory COVID quarantines. While those staff will be returning, there have been ten new positive staff results between 1/1/21 and 1/5/21. As always, those affected were informed and have begun their 14-day quarantines. In addition, we have eight new residents testing positive in the same time period. They were transferred to the COVID unit where they will quarantine and be observed for changes in condition for the next two weeks. Contact tracing to identify any other residents and/or staff that may have been exposed is in progress. New transfers to the hospital totaled five in this time period as well, and we are praying for their speedy recoveries and return to LCC. All results were reported to the New York State and Dutchess County Departments of Health. Out of an abundance of caution, we have expanded our designated COVID section to the entire unit and moved any residents that tested negative to another floor.

Yesterday, the positivity rate of those tested in NY was 8.34%. As this virus continues to plague the State of New York and the entire nation, it is with profound sadness that I share with you that three of our residents have lost their battle with COVID-19 this week. The families of those residents were informed, and our thoughts and prayers are with them during this difficult time.

The Nurse Managers, Social Workers and the Director of Nursing can help with your resident-specific questions or concerns, so contact them for any support or information you require.

This virus is real and does not discriminate, so get tested, physical distance, and most importantly, wear a mask at all times in public!

Please continue to monitor this website for additional information, if necessary.

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