

## COVID-19 UPDATE

### 9-22-2022—Positive Resident

Dear Residents and Family Members:

My first thought when I began to compose this update was how grateful I am that Covid cases are now so few and far between. We were informed that one of our residents sent to the hospital yesterday for evaluation has tested positive for Covid-19. The facility has already completed Covid testing of all residents and staff on the affected unit, and no additional cases have been identified. New York State and Dutchess County Departments of Health were notified of the positive resident case.

As frequently mentioned, these isolated resident and staff cases could plague us indefinitely. In addition, influenza season is upon us, so staff is on high alert for even subtle changes in our residents. Outdoor visitation will be encouraged, if weather conditions permit, to reduce the transmission of respiratory illnesses. A securely-fitted mask is invaluable and is necessary at all times while in the building. Please postpone visiting LCC if you were recently exposed to someone that is sick, or if you are exhibiting even minor symptoms. Carolyn and her staff are happy to assist you to stay connected to your loved one, using our virtual visitation technology in lieu of in-person visits. Finally, you know your loved ones best, so if you observe any changes during a visit, please report it to the nursing staff immediately. The sooner we test and treat a resident who may be ill, the better—for them, as well as all residents and staff.

While we encourage you to report changes to the nursing staff, please don't be alarmed if you see your loved one with "new" multi-colored spots on their face or hands today—it's probably just some residual sprinkles from the ice cream cones they had for "National Ice Cream Cone Day!" Residents and staff enjoyed four flavors of ice cream, balloons, and music provided by our makeshift ice cream truck! Mystery solved--YUM!!

Remember, our nurse managers and social workers can address your resident-specific questions or concerns, and you can check this website for general facility updates.

Be well and stay safe.

Pat Ludington, RN  
Administrator