

Luther Manor Weekly Happenings and Updates

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Campus Updates

- Health Direct, our pharmacy provider, has advised us that availability of the Moderna vaccine has become a challenge. If you intend to get a booster shot or are planning for the 1st or 2nd dose, do not delay in scheduling an appointment today. Area CVS and Walgreens pharmacies, as well as many urgent care clinics and doctors' offices are scheduling appointments. To increase your protection, the CDC is now advising everyone over the age of 18 to get a booster shot. We are working with our provider to get the vaccine for residents and staff but it may be delayed past our December 30 planned date. Stay tuned and don't delay in making your appointment.
- Last week we held our COVID-style Christmas Celebration with staff. We covered all three shifts and around 350 of our employees received a decorative cupcake as big as your head, a Luther Manor ornament and a Christmas Bonus added to their paycheck's thanks in part to the generous contributions to our TEAM Appreciation Fund from residents, families and friends of Luther Manor.

In addition, Luther Manor was selected as one of only 42 organizations in the nation to receive a \$10,000 grant through the CDC Vaccine Equity and Access Program intended to increase COVID-19 and influenza vaccine confidence and access among older adults and those who care for them. We added these funds to the Christmas Bonus as a way of saying thank you to our staff for taking the important step of getting vaccinated against COVID.

We took a small snippet of our happy employees sharing their "THANKS" back to you and our residents for the generosity. Thank you once again and enjoy!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=otu9nb6Nacs

While we continue to allow visitors, we do ask for your partnership. If we need to
provide care for your loved one while you are visiting, we may ask you to step out
of their room. This allows our staff to maintain proper social distancing for your
loved one's well-being, as well as our staff and your own. Thank you for your
understanding!

Please continue to wear your mask, practice great hand hygiene and social distancing! Also, please be considerate of others and if you are not feeling well do not visit.



- Today, we learned that two fully vaccinated staff members in the Health Care Center tested positive for COVID. Residents who had direct contact with these individuals tested negative today and families were notified. If you were not notified your loved one was not in direct contact with any of these staff members. Vaccinated residents do not need to be placed into isolation if they test negative. They will be retested in 5 to 7 days. However, unvaccinated residents will be kept in their room and heightened precautions will be taken when providing their care. Staff who may have been exposed are being tested as well. All tests completed today have come back negative. Under the current requirements, a vaccinated staff member who is exposed and tests negative can continue to work but is asked to pay close attention to any change in how they feel. They will also be tested a second time in 5 to 7 days following the exposure.
- All test results from yesterday's Courtyards testing are negative. Those residents and staff members that had direct contact with the positive staff in this program area will be retested next Monday.

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