Luther Manor Weekly Happenings and Updates

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Campus Updates

- Three residents in the Health Care Center Rehab unit have tested positive for COVID. In addition, five staff members have also tested positive. Staff cases are in Rehab, the Health Care Center, Supportive Living, Dining and Management.

  Staff infections seem to be occurring mainly from outside contact, for residents, it may be visitors coming into Luther Manor or from the hospital prior to rehabilitation admissions. COVID is affecting both vaccinated and unvaccinated people, yet the CDC is reporting that people who have the booster shot and then get infected have more mild symptoms and recover faster than those who are vaccinated and especially those who are unvaccinated.

  Staff who may have been exposed have been contacted and are all being tested. **All residents who had direct contact** are being tested and families were notified. Fully vaccinated residents who test negative do not need to be placed into isolation. Residents who are not fully vaccinated, will be placed in droplet/contact precautions for a minimum of 7 days. **Residents with direct contact will be retested in 5 to 7 days.**

  With Omicron being the primary variant reported in our area we are seeing very different symptoms than when COVID first started. This variant causes COLD LIKE SYMPTOMS, so you may not think you have COVID. It is also spreading faster and for many, ending sooner, so quick detection is IMPERATIVE to prevent the spread and protect others. PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING LIST OF SYMPTOMS TO HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD AND PROTECT OUR RESIDENTS.

  If you have any of the following symptoms DO NOT COME TO VISIT:

  - Sore throat
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea
  - Fever or feeling feverish, such as chills or sweating
  - Cough
  - Mild or moderate shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle aches or body aches
  - Headache
  - New loss of taste or smell

The risk of contracting COVID is very real and we are seeing more vaccinated people become infected. Being vaccinated helps reduce symptoms if you become infected and helps prevent serious illness and hospitalization. Being vaccinated also helps reduce the spread of COVID. To increase your protection, the CDC is now **advising everyone over the age of 18 to get a booster shot**. Booster shots are available at local CVS and Walgreens pharmacies, at many urgent care clinics and at your doctors office. **Please consider giving yourself and others the added benefit of protection from the booster shot. If you are apprehensive for yourself or your loved one, please speak with your doctor.**

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