



Update for Families March 28, 2022

Luther Home Personal Care Home continues to be in **COVID-19 Outbreak** that was declared on March 7, 2022.

As of today there are three (3) Residents who are positive for COVID-19 in Luther Home. Forty-seven (47) Residents have fully recovered. Sadly, one (1) Resident passed away who was positive for COVID at the time of their death. Those Residents who are currently positive have very mild symptoms and we expect all to fully recover in the next week to ten days.

During this outbreak, fifty-eight (58) Staff Members have also so far tested positive for COVID-19. Fifty-six (56) of those Staff have recovered. We rejoice for so many Staff who are now healthy and have returned to their duties at Luther Home. Our staffing has stabilized and the work load associated with the outbreak has been reduced to a degree that is much more manageable.

Many of our Staff have worked tirelessly throughout extended hours to keep our Residents safe and well cared for. Our Doctors have been at Luther Home every day since the start of the outbreak. Several Designated Family Visitors have risked their health and safety to help feed and hydrate their loved ones during the outbreak. Luther Home is blessed to have such a wonderful team of Staff, Physicians and Families who have provided dedicated and selfless service in the face of this dreadful virus. Enormous gratitude and appreciation are owed to everyone who has helped us weather this COVID storm. A big **THANK YOU** seems wholly inadequate but is absolutely necessary and is more than well deserved.

Plans are now underway for how Luther Home exits this outbreak. This task is very complicated as we must continue to protect those Residents who have not been infected, while providing much needed socialization and recreation for all of our Residents who have been in lockdown for the last three weeks and at the mercy of this pandemic for more than two years. The plan to return to a more “normal” situation at Luther Home will focus on a number of fronts.



Most of these areas will concentrate on increasing socialization and reducing isolation for our Residents. A measured return to recreation programming, congregate (but distanced) meals, and visitation are all in the plan.

As such, Luther Home will welcome back all Designated Family Visitors for Resident visitation. Beginning this Wednesday, March 30, 2022, Designated Family Visitation will be re-initiated. The schedule and rules are as follows:

Designated Family Visitors can visit in the Resident's room without an appointment (walk in) on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 5:00pm; and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12:30pm to 7:30pm. Please note that this schedule will be modified in the future to accommodate General Visitation. The number of Designated Family Visitors is six (6) people per Resident, of which two (2) people from the same household can visit during the same time. All Designated Family Visitors must register and provide proof of vaccination prior to visiting. We hope to expand visitation in the near future, and a return to General Visitation will commence after the outbreak has been officially declared over.

We will continue to monitor and test all Residents and Staff for the presence of COVID-19. If there is a change in our outbreak status we will notify all families and stakeholders with those changes. We appreciate your concern for your loved one. If you have any questions or inquiries regarding this outbreak please call our dedicated phone number (431) 336 1882.

Your patience and understanding are appreciated as we transition out of outbreak and move on to a new normal.

Keith Bytheway
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