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Sweaters On, Spirits Up



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Our First Ugly Sweater Contest
& A Night to Remember at 40 Under Forty



Employee Spotlight
TINA MEIER
Pharmacy Technician

Tina brings a whole lot of heart (and a whole lot of laughs) to our pharmacy team. When we asked what she enjoys most about her role, her answer came right back to the people:

"I love helping other people & working with this community. This is my first time working in an ID/DD pharmacy. The environment is so much better and there is always a great deal of teamwork which I really enjoy."

- Tina Meier, Pharmacy Technician, Kinexion LTC Pharmacy

Outside The Pharmacy

Tina's talents go well beyond the pharmacy. She used to do stand up comedy, and she once ran her own small baking business. Today, baking is a hobby she still enjoys, and she also does animal rescue. As for her free time:

"I still write stand up comedy & I draw too."



Have an event coming up? We want to be there.
Reach out to Glenn directly:
Email: gschiotis@kinexionltcpharmacy.com
Phone: (631) 509-1470

Thank you, Tina.

Kinexion is better because you are on the team.



A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Keeping a Close Eye on Recalls

Every so often, a headline pops up about a medication recall, and the questions start right away. Is this one of ours? Do we need to do anything? Who do we call?

Those are exactly the right questions to ask, and I want you to know how we think about them here at Kinexion LTC Pharmacy.

Recalls are a normal part of how the medication supply stays safe. Most are precautionary. A manufacturer might find a labeling mistake, a packaging issue, or a problem with a specific batch, and they pull it back before it can cause trouble. Some are more serious. Either way, the details matter, and they're rarely as simple as the headline makes them sound.

That's where our team comes in. We keep watch on recall notices as they come out, compare them against the medications we dispense, and look closely at the specifics, like which strengths and lot numbers are affected. If something touches the individuals you support, we reach out to you directly with what it means and what comes next.

A few things that help on your end:

Please don't stop a medication on your own because of a news story. Call us first, and we'll help sort out whether it applies.

If something looks different about a medication (the color, shape, smell, or packaging), let us know. You're our eyes and ears in the home.

Keep your contact information current with us, so we can reach the right person when it counts.

You take care of the people you support every single day. Part of our job is making sure you never have to wonder about this stuff alone.



Always in your corner,

Glenn Schiotis
Executive Director
Kinexion LTC Pharmacy
"Built by the community, for the community."

Our First **Ugly Sweater** Contest Is Here!









This is Kinexion LTC Pharmacy's very first holiday season, and we're kicking it off with a tradition our friends at Hudson Regional LTC Pharmacy have loved for years: the Ugly Sweater Contest!

We want to see the boldest, brightest, most gloriously over-the-top sweaters our community can put together. Think blinking lights, pom-poms, tinsel, a little glitter, or a matching group theme. The tackier, the better.

Bring the Whole Team

Some of the best entries are group efforts. Rally your house, your program, or your coworkers, and show us what you've got together.







Here's how to enter:

Snap a photo of your best ugly sweater look.

Email your submission directly to Glenn Schiotis at *gschiotis@kinexionltcpharmacy.com*.

Get it in by December 10th.

What's at stake? Winners will enjoy a Pizza Party with our Executive Director, plus a special feature in our newsletter.

Since this is our first year, our winners will be setting the bar for every contest that follows. No pressure! We can't wait to see what you come up with.



A Night to Remember at



Back in August, we shared the exciting news that Glenn Schiotis, Executive Director of Kinexion LTC Pharmacy, was named a Long Island Business News 40 Under Forty honoree. On September 22, the honorees were celebrated at Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury, and Glenn had an amazing time.

Glenn was so honored to be recognized alongside so many inspiring Long Island leaders, and even more grateful for the people who came to celebrate with him.

Congratulations, Glenn. We couldn't be more proud!





Left to Right: Allyson Saccomandi, Patrice Panza, Glenn Schiotis, Charles Vanek, Joy O'Shaughnessy, Linda Gangi



The 2026 Long Island Business News 40 Under Forty honorees



Glenn with his parents, Allison and Glenn Schiotis Sr.

Your Flu and COVID Questions, Answered

This time of year, the same questions come up in homes, day programs, and nursing offices. Here are quick answers based on the latest guidance from the CDC and the New York State Department of Health.

Is it too late to get a flu shot?

Not at all. September and October are ideal, but the CDC recommends vaccination continue throughout the season as long as flu viruses are circulating. If someone hasn't had theirs yet, now is a great time.

Is this year's flu shot different from last year's?

Yes. All three strains in this season's vaccine were updated, including protection against the H3N2 strain that spread widely last season. Last year's shot doesn't cover this year.

Someone got their flu shot early. Do they need another one?

No. The CDC does not recommend a second flu shot for anyone already fully vaccinated this season. The one exception is some children ages 6 months through 8 years, who may need two doses four weeks apart.

Which flu shot is best for adults 65 and older?

The CDC prefers high-dose, recombinant, or adjuvanted flu vaccines for this age group. If none of those is available, any age-appropriate flu vaccine is still far better than skipping it.

Can someone with an egg allergy get a flu shot?

Yes. People with an egg allergy can get any flu vaccine that is otherwise right for their age and health.

Who should get this season's COVID-19 vaccine?

The CDC recommends a 2026-27 COVID-19 vaccine for all adults 18 and older, and for children 6 months through 17 years who are moderately or severely immunocompromised. For other children, the decision is made together with a healthcare provider.

Can flu and COVID-19 shots be given at the same visit?

Yes. The New York State Department of Health says it is safe to get both at the same time. They're usually given in different arms.

What if someone recently had COVID-19?

They should still stay up to date, but the CDC notes they may consider waiting about 3 months after their infection. Check with their healthcare provider about timing.

Questions about vaccines and the medications your individuals take? Our pharmacy team is always happy to talk it through.
Call (631) 509-1470 or email info@kinexionltcpharmacy.com.



Switching Long Term Care Pharmacies

Can Seem Daunting.

We understand that if your facility is at a place to make the move, things are not going the way they should be. Our team members are experts at prescription transferring, facility/pharmacy transitioning, training, and making sure your pharmacy needs are met with excellence and consistency.

These are improvements your facility will notice when making the switch to Kinexion LTC Pharmacy:

There is no delay.

Your residents will receive their prescriptions when needed and on time.

A friendly voice.

We listen to your problems and do our best to solve them immediately.

LTC nurses can focus on patient care, not pharmacy issues.

We want your medical staff to do what they do best, care for patients. Your nursing administration staff should not have to worry about pharmacy problems or worry if prescriptions will be delivered.

Positive pharmacy experience.

Our team is here to serve your facility, your staff, and your residents. It is hard to put a value on excellent care until you do not have it.

Staff time is spent with residents.

We do not want your staff stuck on the phone trying to figure out where Medication Administration Records are, or when you will receive them. You can count on MARs to show up the same day every month with Kinexion LTC Pharmacy.

Training provided

We know the process of reordering medications can be burdensome. That is why we supply all of our new facility partners with ample training on our web portal to fit your needs. Here is what you can expect during the training process:

- Connecting our nurse consultants with your agency's nurses and staff on a Zoom call to introduce one another and the web portal.
- Weekly, monthly, or as-needed trainings.
- A training manual with detailed step-by-step directions of the web portal.
- Access to our nurse consultants and team to troubleshoot any questions.

With Kinexion LTC Pharmacy's web portal, reordering medications can be done in only 15 minutes each week!

Call Us Today to Discover the Difference in Your Pharmacy Care.

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