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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Dear Resident / Representative:

This letter is to provide you with an update on the status of the Veterans Home's efforts to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. A total of twenty residents have tested positive since testing started along with one resident who was presumed to be positive. We are pleased to report that we have only 2 remaining residents with COVID-19 and they are staying on the far left side of the Pine Neighborhood. We continue to maintain strict infection control procedures throughout the entire facility to stop the spread of the virus.

All nursing home staff continue to be tested weekly. As of today, eleven employees have either tested positive or presumptive positive, and all but four have since returned to work.

If a resident or an employee has a positive test result or a resident with the virus dies, or if a group of three or more residents or staff with new onset of respiratory symptoms occurs within 72 hours of each other, we will continue to notify the resident's family immediately and also send a notice to everyone else. We will continue to post the notice on our website as well.

Residents will continue to receive hand-delivered notices. Resident representatives and anyone authorized by a resident may also receive messages by listserv and by text/telephone message. Let us know if you would like this.

The safety and wellbeing of our residents is our top priority. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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