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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. On Wednesday, our two remaining residents with COVID-19 recovered and we have had no new positive resident cases.

As we continue to test staff weekly, we have had three new positive employee cases. These staff will not be working for at least 14 days since the test and must have a negative test before returning to work. We have placed all neighborhoods on isolation precautions as a result of this, which includes having residents remain on their neighborhood and in their rooms as much as possible. Fourteen employees have either tested positive or presumptive positive since the outbreak. All but three employees have been cleared and 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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