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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. The safety and wellbeing of all residents is our top priority. We continue to receive regular guidance from federal and state government agencies and the departments that oversee nursing home care and services. The Infection Prevention and Control Committee meets at least once daily to review all new guidance and take action accordingly. The full-time Infection Control nurse is also monitoring our efforts and working closely with the county, regional, and state health department contacts.

A total of twenty-one residents have tested positive since testing started along with one resident who was presumed to be positive. Since the last update, we have had no new employee positive cases. Twenty employees have tested positive or presumptive positive since testing became readily available.

The Apple Neighborhood is under quarantine due to the positive case. All other Neighborhood residents are encouraged to remain in their rooms at this time, and if they have to leave their room, to wear a mask, practice good hand hygiene at all times, and stay at least 6 feet apart from others. New guidance no longer allows for outside access.

If you have any questions, especially about the new guidance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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