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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Dear Resident / Representative:

This letter is to provide an update on the status of the Veterans Home's efforts to prevent the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). The safety and wellbeing of all residents is our top priority. The Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Committee continues to meet as necessary to review and act on guidance from the federal and state government, and work closely with health department contacts.

There have been no new positive or presumed positive resident or employee COVID-19 cases. A total of twenty-one residents have tested positive since testing started along with one resident who was presumed to be positive. We continue to test residents with symptoms or if a resident must test prior to a hospital appointment or procedure.

Twenty-six employees have tested positive or presumptive positive since testing became readily available. Weekly testing of staff continues until further notice.

Residents are no longer quarantined to their rooms, however they are restricted to their neighborhood, unless under an individual isolation order.

Outside visits are now being held in the Auditorium. Please call at least 24 hours in advance and arrange a visit with Social Work. The Visitation Plan is posted on the Home's website. Window visits and video chatting continue to be available. Please speak with Recreation Therapy (RT) staff about setting this up for you. Please provide at least 24-hour notice in advance of all visits.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Be well,

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