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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 guidance from federal and state government agencies and the departments that oversee nursing homes. The Infection Prevention and Control Committee continues to meet as necessary to review new guidance and working closely with the county, regional, and state health department contacts.

Once again, we are thankful that there have been no new resident positive cases this past week. A total of twenty-one residents have tested positive since testing started along with one resident who was presumed to be positive. We test all residents with symptoms or if a resident must test prior to a hospital appointment/procedure.

Thirty-one employees have tested positive or presumptive positive since testing became readily available. Staff test weekly as part of our ongoing surveillance program.

There has been no update on the vaccination plan yet.

As Thanksgiving is now upon us, we want to thank residents for the opportunity to serve you, and we also thank family representatives for allowing us the privilege to serve your loved one. It is a duty and honor that we hold sacred and dear.

Auditorium and window visits continue as previously reported. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Stay well,

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