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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 continues to be our top priority. The Infection Prevention and Control Committee continues to meet regularly to review new federal and state guidance and work closely with the county, regional, and state health department contacts.

A total of forty-five residents have tested positive since testing started. Resident molecular (PCR) laboratory testing continues and combined with rapid antigen testing to conduct at least two times weekly testing and more for targeted testing.

Fifty-nine staff have tested positive or presumptive positive since testing became readily available.

Increased precautions on all Neighborhoods will continue until March 25<sup>th</sup> (The Admission Area and the COVID Quarantine Area maintain constant precautions). Inside visits are scheduled to start again on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Compassionate care and end-of-life visits continue to be allowed as this time. As guidelines change and effect our procedures, we will update everyone.

The Home had an unannounced federal and state infection control survey inspection this week and received no deficiencies. This is the third inspection since the pandemic began and the third time our practices are fully in compliance.

Please let your Social Worker know if you have any questions or concerns.

Stay well,

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