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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. 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-six 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.

We continue to test staff twice weekly to identify any new cases as soon as possible. Sixty-six staff have tested positive or presumptive positive since testing became readily available.

Visitation may be limited if we are unable to accommodate everyone, but we now only require 48-hours prior notice for in-person visiting. We can also manage window visits with 24-hours notice and video chats will be set up based on each Neighborhood's scheduled programs. Strict infection control practices must continue to be maintained during visits.

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

Stay well,

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