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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 at least weekly to review new federal and state guidance and work closely with the county, regional, and state health department contacts.

There have been no changes to our resident and staff test results since last week. 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.

Rules for nursing home visits are still restricted to only visiting in designated rooms and areas. Visits still require 48-hours prior notice and visitation may be limited if we are unable to accommodate everyone. An outside area next to the gazebo has been designated for visitors to meet with residents. All other outside areas are currently reserved for residents only. If you would like to go to areas other than the resident's room to visit, such as outside, please confirm this with the Social Worker. 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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