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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.

A total of forty-seven residents have tested positive since testing started. Sixty-seven staff have tested positive or presumptive positive since testing became readily available.

Staff testing will continue for all unvaccinated staff twice weekly. Screening of all staff and visitors will continue with rapid testing for any staff reporting symptoms prior to working. Resident testing will be targeted based on symptoms and if there is a positive case in the Home of a resident or a staff person.

Please consider getting a vaccine (or providing consent for your loved one, our resident) if you have not already done so. This is our final notice that we will be giving out 5 - \$100 gift prizes in a raffle and all residents vaccinated by July 9th will be entered in the raffle.

We are still waiting for confirmation of more changes for nursing homes regarding the pandemic. We will notify you as soon as possible as new updates are announced that impact the Home.

On this upcoming Independence Day weekend, the staff of the Veterans Home wish you and your families the many joys and freedoms that our veteran residents so honorably fought to maintain. We are honored to care for your loved one.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Social Worker.

Stay well,

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