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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 were no new positive cases this past week. 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. Unvaccinated staff are now being tested weekly due to the increase in Chenango County's community positivity rate.

We continue to monitor the developments related to the increasing positive cases in our community and surrounding areas, and we may make additional changes to our infection prevention and control practices as necessary.

We will notify you of any changes. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Social Worker.

Stay well,

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