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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.

Due to the increases in Chenango County and surrounding counties' community positivity rates, we have tested all residents and staff (vaccinated and unvaccinated) this past week. Fortunately, there have been no positive cases. Unvaccinated staff are now being tested twice weekly. All unvaccinated staff have also been notified that they must get vaccinated with at least one dose by September 6th with limited exemptions. Just over 76% of the employees have received at least one dose of a two-dose series or 1 dose of single dose series.

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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