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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Dear Resident / Representative:

On behalf of the Veterans Home and the staff, we are thinking of you and your families as we close out the summer this Labor Day weekend.

In our continuing efforts to update you on the status of the Veterans Home's efforts to fight the coronavirus, we are happy to report that we have not experienced any new positive cases in recent weeks. Since the onset of the virus, we have had one hundred thirty-seven residents and one hundred seventy staff test positive for the virus. We continue to work with the local and state health departments in our efforts to prevent the spread of the virus.

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

We are continuing to educate unvaccinated staff about the benefits of vaccination, especially as we approach the New York State mandatory vaccination deadline for health care workers. With the mandate just weeks away, we are urging unvaccinated staff to get vaccinated with at least one dose as soon as possible.

With the Labor Day weekend upon us, we want to remind you that the Delta variant remains throughout the county and region so please take proper precautions and continue to practice the 3 W's:

Wash Your Hands
Wear Your Mask
Watch Your Distance

Finally, we want to recognize the significance of Labor Day. While it does represent the end of summer, it is also a day to reflect on the importance of our staff as they continue to achieve our mission. We are grateful that the Veterans Home's staff are dedicated and steadfast in all their actions as they provide compassionate care to your loved one. As we begin this holiday weekend, we acknowledge our caregivers and ancillary staff for all they do: every day, every shift.

As always, the Nursing Supervisors are available to provide information about your loved one in the event you cannot reach unit staff. The Nursing Supervisors may be reached at (914) 987-9056 or (914) 987-9057.

Sincerely,

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