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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.

We have had two new staff positive case this past week. A total of forty-seven residents have tested positive since testing started. Seventy staff have tested positive or presumptive positive since testing became readily available. This new positives will push back the units quarantine dates and will pause visitation for other than compassionate care visits.

We are continuing to educate unvaccinated staff about the benefits of vaccination, especially as we approach the New York State mandatory vaccination deadline (September 27, 2021) for health care workers. With the mandate just weeks away, we are urging unvaccinated staff to get vaccinated with at least one dose by September 27th with limited exemptions. We have just about 84% of the employees here who have received at least one dose of a two-dose series or 1 dose of a single dose series.

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. As of right now, the Chenango County positivity rate has gone down to 4.6 % for the 7-day average. We will notify you of any changes.

Please continue to practice the 3 W's:

Wash Your Hands
Wear Your Mask
Watch Your Distance

As always, please contact your Social Worker for further assistance.

Stay well,

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