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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 one new staff positive case this past week. A total of forty-seven residents have tested positive since testing started. Seventy-four staff have tested positive or presumptive positive since testing became readily available.

All Neighborhoods are off quarantine now, but we still require advanced notice before visiting and visitors must go and stay in assigned areas due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions. 24 hours' prior notice is still required for visiting Tuesday through Friday. If you are planning to visit on the weekends, please call by Friday afternoon to make these arrangements. The number to call is 607-843-3100 anytime between Monday and Friday from 8am-4:30pm.

We continue to encourage all unvaccinated staff to get the COVID-19 vaccine in accordance with the statewide vaccine mandate for all hospital and nursing home staff. We have taken steps to prepare for the mandate and do not anticipate any impact on resident care services.

As always, please contact your Social Worker if you have any questions or for further assistance.

Best regards,

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