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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 3 new positive staff and 9 positive resident cases this past week. This is a total of fifty-nine positive residents and eighty-four positive staff or presumptive positive since testing became readily available. We will continue to test all residents and staff for two weeks due to the most recent positive cases. The new cases have been isolated to the Oak Neighborhood, but all Neighborhoods are being monitored closely and no communal dining or activities are being held to prevent the virus spread.

Community COVID-19 positivity rates continue to be high. We are still asking visitors to refrain from coming in to visit and to please use video chatting or other remote means to keep in touch with residents. Inside visits are limited to compassionate care and end-of-life only. If you would like to schedule a virtual visit you may contact the Recreation Therapy Department at 607-843-3177 or 607-843-3126. Please provide at least a days' notice to schedule these visits. All requests should be made by 3pm on Friday for any visits Saturday-Monday.

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

Best regards,

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