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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 respond to our current situation, review new guidance, and work closely with our health department contacts.

We had four new positive staff and four positive resident cases this past week. This is a total of eighty-four residents and ninety-six staff who have tested positive or presumptive positive since testing became readily available. All positive residents remain in the COVID cohort on isolation in the Oak Neighborhood. We continue to conduct additional resident and staff testing and will alert you of any positive results.

All residents are currently on transmission-based precautions (TBP) or quarantine but can still receive visitors. Due to the current outbreak, visitors should be aware that there still exists the potential risk of being exposed to the virus during a visit.

We are hopeful that communal dining and group activities will be able to resume on a Neighborhood specific basis soon, depending on the outcome of the latest testing efforts. We will notify residents as soon as this is allowed to start again.

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

Respectfully,

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