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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Dear Resident / Representative:

The Veterans Home's efforts to prevent the spread and impact of the coronavirus continue. The safety and wellbeing of all residents is our top priority. The Infection Prevention and Control Committee continues to meet regularly to respond to our current situation, review new guidance, and work closely with our health department contacts.

We had nine new positive staff cases and no new resident cases this past week. This is a total of eighty-seven residents and one hundred and fifty-two staff who have tested positive or presumptive positive since testing became readily available.

We are continuing to ask residents to try not to leave their room as much as possible. Residents should wear a mask at all times when out of their rooms or when closer than 6 feet from others.

We will test residents twice next week and staff at least three times and will alert you of any positive results.

Visitors will continue to need to provide proof of a negative test prior to visiting and are able to get tested at the Veterans Home. The schedule for next weeks' testing clinic will be sent out regularly so visitors may want to plan to visit when the clinic is open. If the clinic is not open, visitors are still able to complete a self-test on-site. Another option to avoid testing at the Veterans Home is by providing proof of a negative rapid antigen (at home) test done within 24 hours of a visit or proof of a negative PCR test done within 48 hours of a visit.

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

Respectfully,

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