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Acting Executive Deputy Commissioner

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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 five positive staff results which includes four new staff cases and no new resident cases this past week. The total is eighty-seven residents and one hundred and sixty-four staff who have tested positive or presumptive positive since testing became readily available. We will continue with outbreak testing of residents and staff twice next week and will alert you of any positive results.

The community positivity rate is coming down but is still at a high level. We ask residents to continue to try not to leave their rooms as much as possible because we are still in outbreak status and the County virus transmission rate remains high. Residents should wear a mask at all times when out of their rooms or when closer than 6 feet from others. Outbreak status will remain in place through March 18th.

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

Respectfully,

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