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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 three positive staff results this past week. The total is eighty-seven residents and one hundred and sixty-seven staff who have tested positive or presumptive positive since testing became readily available. We will continue with outbreak testing of residents on Wednesday and staff will test twice next week, and we will alert you of any positive results.

The community positivity rate is coming down and is at the "substantial" level. We still 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 substantial. Residents should wear a mask at all times when out of their rooms or when closer than 6 feet from others. We are conducting group activities for residents in the auditorium but asking visitors to refrain from attending these group programs while we remain in outbreak status. Due to extensive contact tracing efforts, we have determined that outbreak status will be extended until March 22nd.

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

Respectfully,

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