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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 no new positive staff or resident 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 Monday and staff will test twice next week, and we will alert you of any positive results.

The community positivity rate continues to decline and has dropped from "substantial" to "moderate" level as of today. 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 moderately active. 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.

If we are able to get out of outbreak status (currently set for March 22nd), we will send out a notice the day before and review how this will change the practices that we have had in place for so many months. Thank you for your ongoing patience and support.

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

Respectfully,

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