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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 two new positive staff and no new resident results this past week. The total is eighty-seven residents and one hundred and sixty-nine staff who have tested positive or presumptive positive since testing became readily available. Due to these new positive cases, we must continue in outbreak status until April 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 has returned to "substantial" levels. We ask residents to continue to try not to leave their rooms as much as possible because we are still in outbreak status and due to the substantial County virus transmission rate. 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.

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

Respectfully,

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