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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 5 positive staff results this past week. The total is eighty-seven residents and one hundred and seventy-nine new staff who have tested positive or presumptive positive since testing became readily available. Due to these new positive cases, we will continue in outbreak status until May 7<sup>th</sup>. Outbreak testing of residents will be done on Monday and staff will test twice next week, and we will alert you of any positive results.

The community positivity rate is still at "high" levels. Residents should continue to try not to leave their rooms as much as possible due to the outbreak status and due to the high 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.

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

Respectfully,

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