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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 resident and one staff positive test result this past week. We have had eighty-seven residents and one hundred and ninety-eight staff who have tested positive or presumptive positive at least once since testing became readily available. Our outbreak status remains in place until June 27th. Outbreak testing of residents will continue to be done on Tuesdays. Staff will test twice a week, and we will alert you of any positive results.

The community transmission rate has dropped to "Substantial" levels. Residents should continue to try not to leave their rooms as much as possible due to the outbreak status and due to the substantial County virus transmission rate. All residents should wear a mask at all times when out of their rooms or when closer than 6 feet from others. We also ask families and visitors to wear a mask at all times while visiting and please go directly to the resident's room or visiting area and directly out after visiting.

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

Respectfully,

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