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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 four staff positive test results this past week. We have had eighty-seven residents and two hundred and one staff who have tested positive or presumptive positive at least once since testing became readily available.

The employees worked on Pine and Hawthorn but contact tracing determined that these were not nursing home onset cases. As a precaution, all residents and staff were tested immediately on Tuesday and will be tested at least once again next week.

The community transmission rate was at a "moderate" level this week. Any staff not up-to-date on their COVID vaccinations will continue to be tested twice a week and we will alert you of all positive results.

All residents should continue to wear a mask at all times when out of their rooms or when closer than 6 feet from others. Families and visitors must continue 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. The use of eye protection will be available for use by visitors but is only required when visiting the Pine Neighborhood. Additional guidance is provided in a Visitation Update that is on our website or available at the Security desk.

On this upcoming Independence Day weekend, the staff of the Veterans Home wish you and your families the many joys and freedoms that our veteran residents so honorably fought to maintain. We are honored to care for your loved one.

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

Respectfully,

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