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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Dear Resident / Representative:

The Veterans Home continues efforts to prevent the spread and impact of the coronavirus. The safety and wellbeing of all residents is our top priority. The Infection Prevention and Control Committee meets regularly to respond to our current situation, review new guidance, and work closely with our health department contacts.

We had no resident and two staff test positive this past week. We have had eighty-seven residents and two hundred and three staff who have tested positive or presumptive positive at least once since testing became readily available.

We will not be testing residents for COVID-19 next week unless something triggers the need to do this. 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.

Details are still being worked out with communal dining, although we do expect to return to communal dining with no physical distancing, fully utilizing the dining rooms, and allowing guests to purchase meals. More information will be shared when this change is put into effect.

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

Respectfully,

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