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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 no 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.

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.

Visitors are allowed to take their masks off while outside visiting a resident but must keep a mask on if other residents are present. A designated outside space may be arranged for your visit by contacting Social Work or Recreational Therapy (Activities). This designated space will ensure distancing from other residents and permit visitors to take their masks off while visiting their loved one.

Communal dining is expected to resume on Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. Residents will return to eating in the dining rooms together as prior to the pandemic.

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

Respectfully,

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