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

The COVID transmission level in Chenango County is still substantial, so 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 may bring in food to eat with residents but must call the Social Worker ahead of time to reserve using one of the pods off the hallways. Other residents and other visitors must remain at least 6 feet away while eating in these areas.

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

Respectfully,

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