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Acting Executive Deputy Commissioner

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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 nine staff test positive this past week. We have had eighty-seven residents and two hundred and fifteen staff who have tested positive or presumptive positive at least once since testing became readily available. We conducted broad based testing of all residents and all staff this week due to concerns that there may be an outbreak on the Pine Neighborhood. All residents were tested on Tuesday and there were no positives. The Pine Neighborhood is now on quarantine status and all staff up-to-date on their vaccines and all residents will test every 3-7 days for the next 14 days.

The COVID transmission level in Chenango County is high again. 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.

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

Respectfully,

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