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

We have been conducting training of all staff at least monthly on new and ongoing infection prevention and control practices. New federal government guidance was received late Friday that changed some of the infection prevention and control practices. The guidance changes primarily revolve around the County transmission levels and the Home's specific COVID infection levels. While we continue to not have residents test positive for COVID-19, the COVID transmission level in Chenango County is still high. These guidance changes will take place when New York also adapts similar guidance, and we will announce the specific changes at that time.

Staff not up-to-date on their COVID vaccinations will continue to be tested twice a week. Residents will be tested if symptomatic, exposed to someone with COVID-19, or return from a furlough or hospitalization after more than 24 hours. You will be notified 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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