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

We will continue to test residents when symptomatic, exposed to someone with COVID-19, or returning from a furlough or hospitalization after more than 24 hours. You will be notified of all positive results.

Updated visitation guidance from the State and Federal governments has been reviewed and a new Visitation letter has been prepared and is now available. It will be posted on our website along with the CMS notification letters. New York State's guidance to nursing homes, dated October 13, 2023, that includes the updated visitation requirements will also be posted on the Home's website at: <https://apps.health.ny.gov/nysvets/web/oxford/new-york-state-veterans-home-oxford>

The COVID transmission level in Chenango County is still high, so we must continue to be vigilant. Visitors, volunteers and contractors are still expected to screen and provide proof of testing before entering the Home. Please get vaccinated or get a COVID-19 booster. Infection Control and Prevention measures must still be followed at all times.

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

Respectfully,

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