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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 4 staff test positive this past week. We have had ninety-nine residents and two hundred and fifty-four 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.

The COVID transmission level in Chenango County remains high. Visitors, volunteers and contractors must 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.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve our residents. On behalf of New York State, the Department of Health, the Oxford's Veterans Home staff, and everyone associated with the Home, we thank our veterans, spouses, and families for the sacrifices made in the name of defending our freedoms. Our best regards to everyone on Veterans Day.

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

Respectfully,

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