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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 three residents and one staff test positive this past week. We have had one hundred and eighteen residents and two hundred and seventy staff who have tested positive or presumptive positive at least once since testing became readily available.

Pine Neighborhood remains on quarantine. All staff and visitors entering Pine are required to wear eye protection / face shields and N95 / KN95 masks.

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 has dropped from high levels to substantial. Visitors, volunteers and contractors must continue to screen and provide proof of testing before entering the Home. Infection Control and Prevention measures must still be followed at all times.

Please get vaccinated or get a COVID-19 booster as well as an annual Flu vaccine.

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

Respectfully,

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