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

Pine Neighborhood's outbreak ended on Tuesday. 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 is still substantial, so 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.

As of January 1, 2023, we will reset the Home's numbers when we report cumulative COVID-19 positive totals to more accurately reflect the COVID-19 situation with the current resident population.

Please consider getting a COVID-19 booster and an annual flu vaccine. They have been proven to help against both viruses and in keeping our residents safer.

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

Respectfully,

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