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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 two staff test positive this past week. Since January 1, 2023, we have had no residents and two staff test positive at least once.

Symptomatic residents will continue to be tested along with residents exposed to someone with COVID-19, residents returning from a furlough or hospitalization after more than 24 hours, any resident if required prior to medical appointments or hospital procedures, and any resident as required for any reason. 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.

We have had a great response from residents willing to get the COVID-19 booster and an annual flu vaccine. These shots have helped in keeping our residents safer. Please consider this for yourself as well.

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

Respectfully,

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