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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 one staff test positive this past week. Since January 1, 2023, we have had no residents and three staff test positive.

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 now moderate. New York State has advised Nursing Homes to continue current mask wearing and other infection prevention and control practices regardless of transmission levels. Visitors, volunteers, and contractors must continue to screen and provide proof of testing before entering the Home. Mask wearing is also required unless a resident gives permission for a visitor to remove their mask while in the resident's private room only.

Please consider getting a COVID-19 vaccine or booster and an annual flu shot. Let us know if you would like information about these important steps to prevent illness.

Once again, we ask that you pay attention to precaution signs when visiting and follow the directions. They will help protect you and others.

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

Respectfully,

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