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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 expect changes to the mask mandate by New York State will be announced shortly, but no changes will start here until the guidance can be reviewed and implemented by our Infection Control and Prevention team.

We had no residents and one staff test positive this past week. Since January 1, 2023, we have had no residents and nine 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 back up to high. 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.

Consider getting a COVID-19 vaccine or booster and an annual flu shot. Please 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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