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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 one resident and eight staff test positive this past week. Symptomatic residents will continue to be tested along with any resident as required for any reason. You will be notified of all positive results.

Due to the increase in positive cases, we are requiring masks to be worn unless in a resident room with their permission. Please review the visitation guide, available on our website or at Security, for more details about this and other measures that must be followed when visiting.

Everyone (staff, volunteers, contractors, and visitors) must continue to screen before entering the Home. Visitor testing is still available at the main entrance. Visitors should consider postponing visits if COVID-19 positive, sick, or have been exposed to COVID-19.

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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