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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 residents and one staff test positive this past week. Residents and staff working on Pine, Oak and Hawthorn Neighborhoods continue to be tested along with anyone meeting other qualifying conditions. You will be notified of all positive results.

We continue to require face masks be worn unless in a resident room with their permission. Eye protection (face shields or approved eye protection) is also required while visiting Pine, Oak and Hawthorn. 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. It has been updated to include changes to our screening process and when you should postpone a visit. Visitors should still 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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