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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Dear Resident / Representative:

This letter is to provide you with an update on the status of the Veterans Home's efforts to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. The safety and wellbeing of all residents is our top priority. We continue to receive regular guidance from federal and state government agencies and the departments that oversee nursing home care and services. The Infection Prevention and Control Committee meets at least once daily to review all new guidance and take action accordingly. The full-time Infection Control nurse is also monitoring our efforts and working closely with the county, regional, and state health department contacts.

A total of twenty residents have tested positive since testing started along with one resident who was presumed to be positive. We have had no new positive resident cases. Since the last update, we have had four new employee positive cases. Twenty employees have tested positive or presumptive positive since testing became readily available.

All neighborhoods are on some level of quarantine. On the Pine and Maple Neighborhoods, residents may leave their rooms, but must stay on their neighborhood. Residents may go outside with staff assistance, when available. Residents are encouraged to wear masks and maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet between other residents when out of their room.

The Apple, Oak and Hawthorn Neighborhoods are following a higher level of precautions due to the potential contact with employees who have tested positive. These precautionary measures include requiring residents to remain in their rooms with their door closed whenever possible. This level of quarantine will continue through July 16th, but these dates may change if there is any new exposure or new guidance.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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