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Dear Family Members/Responsible Parties:

I want to provide a brief COVID update for everyone at this time. The current resident cases on Hope and Trinity houses have all recovered and we have removed the visitation restrictions for those households. In addition, five (5) of the six (6) residents on Pines house have also recovered and were returned to their rooms today. All responded well to the antiviral treatments, and it is important to note that all but one (1) of the residents on all three (3) households had received the bivalent Covid booster. Unfortunately, we did have one (1) new Covid positive resident case on a different household. Contact tracing confirmed the exposure was due to a family member, but surveillance testing of the remaining residents and staff on this household was completed and all were negative. The one (1) positive resident was relocated to the Covid unit on Pines house. All residents and family members were updated accordingly. I anticipate that this new case will recover fully next week. Moreover, we did have one (1) new staff cases yesterday of direct care staff but contact tracing confirmed no new resident exposure.

The facility remains diligent with performing disinfecting & sanitizing procedures in the resident spaces as a precaution and I encourage all family members to exercise additional caution with visitation. If you feel sick or have any mild symptoms, please consider staying home for a day or so to recover and don't risk passing the virus to your loved one and potentially other residents & staff. Further, please adhere to the infection prevention & control protocols while you visit—wear your mask properly and at all times, socially distance, and avoid unnecessary contact with others beyond your family member. I encourage those who have not already gotten the bivalent Covid booster for their loved one to strongly consider it, and remember that we can provide either Pfizer or Moderna at the facility on Thursdays during our vaccine clinic.

If you have any questions then, please call your social worker, Cathy Davis (RN Director of Nursing), or myself. Thanks again for all that you do to keep our residents safe.

Best wishes,

Rich McCune Administrator