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VP/Administrator and Chief Long Term Care Officer

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Dear Resident and Resident Representative:

Bergen New Bridge Medical Center remains committed to updating our residents and representatives regularly. In the past 24 hours, there has been one staff member who has tested positive for COVID-19 as part of our weekly surveillance testing. The staff member is asymptomatic and has been removed from duty and will only be returned once appropriately cleared by a physician. There have not been any positive resident results.

We continue with our daily respiratory screening of residents/staff, robust cleaning measures which includes the use of an electrostatic sprayer and our travel policy for staff. Communal dining and group activities continue to be restricted. All our direct care staff, not only wear a mask, but also wear a face shield for added protection to themselves and our residents.

We continue to keep updated on the COVID-19 vaccine and the status of both the Pfizer and Moderna Emergency Use Authorization meetings. We have heard from our partner, CVS Pharmacy/Omnicare, for a preliminary discussion and expect to find out the dates that our staff and residents will be offered the vaccine in the next two weeks. Once those dates have been solidified, we will reach out to you immediately. As a reminder, both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are a two dose process with a designated time frame in between. While the vaccine is voluntary, it is strongly encouraged for our staff and residents.

As a reminder, we continue to have a pre-recorded phone number, 201-967-6858, that can be used in emergent situations to provide updates. The information will be updated as situations change. Should there be an urgent concern, there is always a nursing supervisor available who can be reached at 201-694-5878.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to take all the necessary precautions and work diligently in our COVID-19 prevention efforts. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns at 201.967.4013 or krichardson@newbridgehealth.org.

With the holiday season coming up, I encourage all of you to remain safe and healthy, wear a mask, maintain good hand hygiene and practice social distancing. As a reminder, visit our website at <https://www.newbridgehealth.org/covid-19-testing/> for information on COVID-19 testing for you or a loved one.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Richardson, LNHA
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