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VP/Administrator and Chief Long Term Care Officer

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Dear Resident and Resident Representative:

As I have shared with you in my previous letters, we remain committed to updating our residents and representatives regularly. Since my last communication, we have had one resident test positive for COVID-19 as a result of our asymptomatic weekly surveillance testing. That residents who tested positive will be placed in isolation and monitored frequently.

I am happy to report we have one hundred ninety recovered residents that have been moved back to their home units as isolation precautions are no longer needed. We continue to celebrate and welcome each recovered resident upon arrival back to their unit.

We have not had any staff with positive results since my last communication. Our daily screening of employees to check for any signs and symptoms of respiratory illness has not changed. We remain hypervigilant with robust cleaning/disinfection protocols throughout the Medical Center and continue to work on our cycle cleaning throughout our units. We have added an additional resource and now are utilizing an electrostatic sprayer for disinfecting which goes above and beyond our normal cleaning process.

Our visitation window continues to be huge success and it has been wonderful to have loved one see each other, even if through a window. If you would like to participate, we ask that you contact Sherri Siwulec at 201-967-4004 or myself to schedule a time to have a window visit with your loved one. Many of you have asked when we anticipate being able to come into the facility to visit. Unfortunately, I do not have a time frame on this but will continue to keep all of you updated as it is a topic we follow closely.

The long term care employees cannot thank you enough for the support you have communicated and provided. While it has been challenging for our residents not to see their loved ones in person, it has been a heart-warming experience for us to watch them communicate with you via FaceTime and other platforms. If you would like to communicate with your loved one this way, please reach out to me directly.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me at 201.967.4013 or krichardson@newbridgehealth.org.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Richardson, LNHA
Chief Long Term Care Officer