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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. As of today, we have not had any COVID-19 positive results among our residents or staff since my last communication. Residents and staff continue to be tested weekly.

We continue with our daily respiratory screening of residents/staff, robust cleaning measures which includes an electrostatic sprayer and our travel policy for staff. Communal dining and group activities continue to be restricted.

As we look at the resumption of services, we must follow all directives in place to ensure the safety of our residents and staff remain a top priority. As previously discussed, the Department of Health did release an executive directive that describes the steps and what needs to be in place prior to resuming in-person visitation and other COVID-19 restrictions. Once we have been 28 days without a positive result, we can work with our local department of health and attest to the NJ Department of Health that we are ready to advance to the next phase which would include limited communal dining and small group activities. I will continue to keep you updated on our progress and when we can advance to Stage 1 which would allow minimal dayroom dining and activities.

We have started taking residents, on a one to one basis with our staff, to our porch areas for fresh air. Residents are enjoying these and we are accommodating as many as we can each day.

As always, we encourage our outdoor and window visitation sessions as a way to see your loved ones as indoor visitation remains restricted. We continue to appreciate everyone's adherence to the guidelines that are set forth. For all outdoor and window visit appointments, please continue to contact Sherri Siwulec at 201-967-4004. We also offer virtual visits via FaceTime, Google Duo or other forms of communication.

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.

Sincerely,

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