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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 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.

While we have not received our COVID-19 vaccination clinic dates, we do anticipate the start to be the week of December 28, 2020. It appears based on the information we currently have that our residents and staff in Long Term Care will be getting the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine. We continue to encourage all our staff and residents to get the vaccine. You will be contacted by LTC staff in the upcoming week to ask if you plan on receiving vaccine. For those residents who are unable to make such decisions, the primary contact will be notified. I have attached a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the COVID-19 vaccine. As soon as we have our vaccination clinic dates, you will receive notification directly from me via this letter or phone call.

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,

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