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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. Since my last communication, there have not been any COVID positive residents or staff members as a part of our surveillance testing. Our staff continue to be tested twice a week as the COVID Activity Level Index (CALI) score remains high in our region.

Many of you have asked about vaccination of our residents and when we will be able to re-open to inside visitation. While I do not have a definitive date, I commit to you that we follow all mandates and information received from regulatory agencies very closely for any changes. The region's CALI score does play a key role in these decisions. We continue to look forward to the day when we can welcome indoor visitation. The weather over the past week or so has been a bit challenging for our outdoor visits but we are happy that many of you have chosen the window visitation as an alternative. Let's all hope for warmer weather soon!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns at 201.967.4013 or krichardson@newbridgehealth.org. I continue to 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.

Happy Lunar New Year, Valentine's Day and President's Day!

Sincerely,

Kathryn Richardson, LNHA
Chief Long Term Care Officer