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Dear Family Member,

I want to give you an update on COVID at our Extended Care Facility. All residents and staff members continue to be regularly COVID tested. As a result of yesterday's round of tests, five more residents and two more staff members tested positive. All of our positive residents are being cared for in one particular hallway of the third floor. Our staff are well equipped with N95 masks, gloves, face shields and gowns to protect against spreading the virus.

Starting today, Department of Health is requiring all visitors to show proof of a negative COVID test within 24 hours of an in-person visit. I encourage you to plan your visits accordingly. We do have a small amount of "at home" tests that were provided to us by NY State. For a short time, we will be able to provide this to you. NY has not provided to us any guidance on how long this will be required for or if this is a long term requirement. I am very sorry there is another obstacle for us to navigate together. I will let you know as I learn more.

I will once again ask that you put off your in-person visits for a bit so we can get this outbreak under control. If you must visit in-person, please remember to use the hand sanitizer, social distance from our residents and wear a medical grade mask provided at the door.

After ten days on isolation precautions, residents who were positive are considered "recovered." I am happy to report that as of today seven residents have recovered and have been moved off the COVID unit. We are starting to bring some recovered staff back to work after completing their quarantine as well. I would appreciate your continued patience and understanding. Your prayers are also appreciated.

Sincerely,

Fortunato Scerbo III

Administrator