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Dear Residents/Families/Responsible parties,

We know of 2 new clinical staff that have tested positive for COVID-19 since our last correspondence. They have limited interaction with residents on some of our units. Public Health has advised us to place affected residents on quarantine, have direct care staff wear all applicable PPE, and test impacted residents and staff at a particular time interval. We discussed our plan and approach with PH to move units this week. Public Health is able to support the move as scheduled with our planned precaution measures.

Additionally, we were appropriately and promptly notified after a visit of a positive case so that we could follow appropriate measures for the impacted resident. We continue to urge you to alert us **if you develop any of the concerning symptoms or are diagnosed with COVID-19 within the few days** after your visit so that we can put measures into place to try to contain a potential outbreak. We really need you to be our partners in managing this virus and its impacts to all residents and staff.

While we can't bar visits, I would discourage visits this week particularly Tuesday and Wednesday when we need to carefully and methodically move the residents from 3rd floor to either 2nd or 4th. We have prepared by moving some items already, and on the day of the move, we will move the resident and what is absolutely necessary. In the following days, we will slowly finalize moving any remaining personal items.

Despite the concerning increase in case counts in our community, it has been discouraging as a healthcare worker to observe fewer masked individuals in a recent grocery trip into Keene. That said, I want to take this moment to thank all of you who have heeded the Public Health recommendations and have become vaccinated, boosted, have worn masks indoors particularly during periods of high community transmission, have sanitized your hands, kept 6 foot spacing from others and have stayed home/away from others when ill. Regardless of your personal choices, you can have an impact on the residents and staff at all long term care facilities.

Wishing you peace and health this holiday season. Sincerely,

Kathryn Kindopp, Administrator