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December 8, 2020 To Our Residents, Resident Representatives and Family Members:

The COVID- 19 pandemic has been an unprecedented challenge and has forced us to make changes to our normal processes. We continue to follow all CMS and State guidelines as we focus on the safety and health of our residents and staff.

Currently, we are providing <u>twice</u> weekly Covid-19 testing of all staff and contractors in an effort to stop any spread of the virus within the facility.

As of today, we have the following:

Total Positive diagnosis for COVID-19: 37

Residents within the facility – 31

Residents outside the facility - 1

Staff- 5 staff members as of 12/8/20- Community acquired

of residents and staff with COVID symptoms within the last 72 hours –1

We continue to test the residents and quarantine neighborhoods if there is a single confirmed staff or resident Covid-19 infection. Per CDC guidelines, one Covid-19 infection is considered an "Outbreak" and we must quarantine the neighborhood for 14 days. We truly understand how difficult this can be the residents, but we are taking all available precautions to help prevent the spread of Covid-19 within the facility.

We continue to be in Phase 2 of Reopening and encourage residents to dine and enjoy small group activities whenever possible. Hopefully, with the mild weather, the residents will be able to enjoy the fresh air.

The community spread is very high at this time and we are monitoring staff and residents very closely. We have placed our visitation on hold due to high rates of community spread within Douglas County. We will keep you updated as things progress. Please feel free to reach out to your nursing team or social work with any questions about your loved ones.

Stay well!

Sincerely, DCHC Administration