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Greetings,

Last week I unfortunately had to write that two staff members tested positive for COVID-19. Subsequently, the National Guard tested all residents and employees and I am pleased to announce the virus had not spread to any residents or additional staff members! The staff did a fantastic job at utilizing additional PPE and following further measures to mitigate the spread of transmission. Management grilled staff a 'Thank You BBQ' in appreciation of the hard work. Each individual showed they are a dedicated and skillful team member, uniting towards a common goal. Clearance of COVID-19 allows us to resume scheduling family visits and activities within the building which is positive news for the residents.

As we witness the spread of this virus continue rapidly throughout various sections of the United States we can anticipate COVID-19 will not be leaving us anytime soon. More information is to come, however, we have been informed long-term care facilities will be provided equipment to conduct in-house testing for COVID-19. Routine surveillance and testing of presumptive cases provides us with a better opportunity to identify and alleviate the threat of spreading COVID-19. Additional guidelines and procedures are to follow but this is an optimistic step towards returning to a "normal" way of life.

This week we said 'good bye' to a long-term employee, Claire Landry, and we wish her a satisfying and joyous retirement! Claire not only knew each resident's preferences and favorite activities, Claire knew the residents on a personal level and understood the little details to put a smile on someone's face. Her presence and high spirited personality will be missed but wish Claire the best in this next phase of life.

Take care,

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