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Families, friends, residents and staff;

This week we continued testing all residents and employees as required while in outbreak status, all results returned as negative. Earlier in the week we received news from the state lab that there was an error within their system so they began a quality assurance inspection and discovered two of our positive staff members were in fact negative for COVID-19. We called the employees back, tested them with a rapid COVID test which came back negative. Removing these two employees from a positive status allows us to adjust our timeline. We will exit outbreak status next Wednesday, returning to our previous status of visitation, dining and activities; until then there are no changes.

We are grateful our testing has not returned with subsequent positive results which suggests although vaccinated people are still susceptible to contracting COVID there is a benefit to being vaccinated. The county positivity rate is above 10% and if it remains at 10% or higher we will be testing any staff twice a week who is not fully vaccinated.

Visitations still remain as compassionate care only at this time and will return to normal practice of scheduling in advance beginning Wednesday, October 20. We appreciate everybody's assistance, understanding and flexibility with our requirements to change visitation status spontaneously. A special thank you to staff for continuously meeting resident requests but also going the extra mile when visitations are shut down.

Please call or email if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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