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MEMO

TO: All Residents, Responsible Parties and Employees

RE: New positive case – employee

DATE: April 30, 2021

Good afternoon! Unfortunately, I have news to share that I would rather not... we have a new case of positive COVID-19 in our contract-employee family. The employee reported symptoms this morning when reporting for duty and was immediately tested. The test revealed positive. We are now completing contract tracing, but due to the fact that this person worked throughout the Healthcare Facility this past week, we have no alternative but to close down our visitation in the Healthcare wings effective immediately until further notice. We are testing all residents in Healthcare today and will be testing all employees and contract employees on Monday, as previously planned. We are also immediately testing all known contacts that this employee had over the past week – resident and employee. If no further positive cases are found, we will be able to reopen quickly, but according to regulatory guidance we must take swift and immediate steps to curtail any additional spread.

To that end, all communal dining and group activities on the Healthcare wings will need to cease until we get the clear light. All visitation on the Healthcare wings will need to stop until that same time. We apologize for the inconvenience that this brings and for the sudden nature of this unplanned action. I know we are going to catch you off guard, and for that we feel badly, but we are required to take these rapid steps accordingly. For residents and visitors on the Independent Living and Residential/Assisted Living areas, this notice does not pertain to you for now. You are still free to continue your current plans... but please – do not go back on the Healthcare wings at all until further notice. Approved Essential Family Caregivers are still free to come and go as previously noted... just please use your due care when in with your loved one.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support and prayers as we work through this latest hurdle. Obviously, our key intent is the protection of the residents and employees through the most earnest following of the most recent guidance from Indiana State Department of Health and our Infection Preventionist.

Please continue to follow our 3-Ws – **W**ear a mask at all times, **W**ash your hands often and well, **W**atch your social distancing – six feet please! Above all else, as you are able and eligible, please sign up for and get vaccinated. It is working to mitigate spread quite well, but as you can see, cases are still out there and increasing again. We will keep you informed, and we will get through this **together!** Our cases remain the same historic count as we have been reporting with the addition of now one new Contract Employee positive. That employee is now home and quarantined for ten days. We pray earnest blessings for a speedy and good recovery, and that any spread has been minimal. Thank you!