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Dear Residents, Families and Friends:

New Year greetings come amid increasing COVID-19 numbers across the state of Ohio and our nation. Unfortunately, we have had several staff members test positive over the last week. As families got together over the holiday, my fear is that our numbers will continue to climb. In an aggressive effort to mitigate internal spread, and to best protect our residents we have made some internal changes. We are currently pausing all group activities to minimize group exposures. We are closing the atrium for dining since masks cannot be worn during mealtimes.

During our surveillance testing today, we identified one asymptomatic positive resident. Fortunately, it appears that their exposure was prior to admission in the hospital, and we continue to follow our conservative quarantine protocols. We are using more conservative guidance than is required, but we feel it is most responsible.

During this outbreak, our visitation policies do not change. We want you to remain diligent, stay home if you are ill or not feeling well. If you are experiencing simple cold symptoms, you cannot assume it is not COVID-19. We have offered to test visitors prior to their visit. We are happy to coordinate virtual visits as these are a safer visitation option currently.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please reach out any time.

Stay Well and Happy New Year,

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