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Dear Residents and Families,

As promised, we want to remain as transparent as possible through this pandemic. On Wednesday September 16th we had our regularly scheduled State Mandated employee testing date. Our results began coming in over the weekend and to date, we have two asymptomatic positive results. The positive results require us to test all residents and staff every 3-7 days. On Sunday, we completed baseline resident testing. Using contact tracing techniques, we determined it best to complete Point of Care testing for the West Side residents. All West Side resident test results were negative. East side Residents were tested on Sunday as well, using a different lab type called PCR. PCR swabs have to be sent out to a laboratory and we should have those results in the next 24 – 48 hours. Regardless of the lab type, all residents are tested using the less invasive anterior nasal swab technique. Our residents were amazing and handled the inconvenience with grace and dignity.

We anticipate the next Resident Test date will be Thursday, September 24th. Staff and residents will be tested on a weekly basis for at a minimum 2 weeks. If all the test results in the next 2 weeks are negative, we will resume every other week testing for staff only. I understand this can be confusing so if you have questions please feel free to reach out at any time. In the meantime, we are keeping our website up to date with all testing results and family letters at www.welcomenursinghome.com under the COVID-19 Updates.

Thank you all for getting your testing consents back so we were able to swiftly address the concern at hand. Looking ahead, we will be scheduling our flu vaccination date soon, so please return your flu consent forms as soon as you are able.

Stay Well,

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Vice President