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Dear Residents, Families and Friends:

I am certain that you have heard the news that Lorain County and Ohio as a whole is experiencing exceptionally high COVID-19 Positive Cases. It is certainly discouraging and disheartening as we are heading into our Holiday's. We are doing our part to protect our residents and our staff. This new variant is highly contagious. We ask that if you are experiencing any symptoms, even the slightest bit of a cold, that you not visit in person. We will continue to assist with virtual visits as an alternative. Lorain County Public Health officials indicated yesterday that we cannot take this strain serious enough. Even what may seem like a simple cold may be COVID-19. For those who must visit in person, we will offer a COVID-19 test prior to visitation.

From experience and tracking data across the globe, we know that we are on the upswing of this viral wave. It will eventually plateau and subside. We ask for your patience and your diligence while we are in the worst phase. If you could delay your visit, or utilize an alternative visitation method we would be very appreciative.

Fortunately, to date, we have had no residents test positive. However, due to staff illness, we remain in Outbreak Testing. If we were to identify a positive resident, we want you to know that we currently do not have a staffed COVID unit. We would likely transfer a COVID-19 positive resident to a dedicated COVID unit at another facility for the duration of their isolation. We are hopeful that this will remain unnecessary, but we wanted to make you aware of the plan.

Stay safe during this Holiday season. Wash your hands, wear your mask when indoors with people who are not in your household, and practice social distancing. If you are experiencing symptoms, even mild ones, stay home and reach out to your practitioner. Best wishes for a healthy, happy and joyous New Year.

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