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Long Term Care  
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Dear Resident, Family Member, and/or Legal Representative:

I am writing to inform you that Long Term Care (LTC) had a positive COVID-19 lab test for an employee. The employee had not been at work for several days prior to the test.

As prior (reference my June 30th letter) we follow the recommendations of Alaska DHSS (Department of Health and Social Services) Section of Epidemiology. Epidemiology has asked us to test all employees again, and we began this yesterday. Epidemiology is not recommending testing residents at this time.

As of the date of this letter, no additional COVID cases are detected in employees. All of our residents are well and without signs or symptoms of viral illness.

Resident safety is our top priority. We are doing everything we can to ensure we prevent the spread of any viral illness including COVID-19 within our facility.

Daily health screens including temperature checks for all residents and staff continue and we closely monitor for any sign of viral illness. We must maintain strict visitation restrictions.

We will continue to keep you informed through periodic communications, including notice as needed of clusters of illness (or positive cases) for residents or staff. As you likely know, there have been several community cases on the Kenai Peninsula. As healthcare professionals we encourage everyone to wear a mask in public and to physical distance as much as possible when in public space. Thank you for entrusting the care of your loved one to us. It is a privilege to serve the residents.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara L. Bigelow".

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