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Long Term Care  
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## Long Term Care

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June 30, 2020

Dear Resident, Family Member, and/or Legal Representative:

In early June we notified you that a Long Term Care (LTC) staff member had tested positive for COVID-19. We are required to follow the recommendations of Alaska DHSS (Department of Health and Social Services) Section of Epidemiology. All residents and staff were tested for COVID-19. Epidemiology is not recommending a re-test for residents, however; they did ask us to re-test our employees at 14-days. This has been completed.

As of the date of this letter, no additional COVID cases are detected in employees or residents.

We are also required to notify you if we have a cluster of employees (defined as three or more) with symptoms of a respiratory illness. That occurred twice recently. Staff are evaluated by our employee health department. Employees are asked to quarantine at home until their physician clears them. Additional testing on these employees follows physician protocols. These two employee clusters are all negative.

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. We remain in very close communication with State health officials to ensure we are taking the appropriate measures of prevention.

Daily health screens including temperature checks for all residents and staff continue as we closely monitor for any sign of viral illness. We continue to maintain strict visitation restrictions. The State of Alaska has begun to evaluate the possibility that some nursing homes might be able to open to visitors in the future.

We will continue to keep you informed through periodic communications and to also inform you if we have additional clusters of illness. 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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