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Dear Family Member,

As per NY State Department of Health regulation, I must inform you every time an employee or resident tests positive for COVID-19. I found out today that one of our staff members tested positive as a result of our weekly testing. We asked that the employee go to the emergency room and get tested a second time. The ER did a rapid test on the individual, which came back negative. I also wanted to update you on the employee who tested positive last week. The employee was immediately retested two more times, both of which were negative. Neither employee exhibit any symptoms of the virus. We believe that both of these positive test results may have been false positives.

The fact of the matter is that there is a small chance that any test may result in a false positive or false negative. I want to assure you that we continue to utilize the proper personal protective equipment, including masks, face shields, gowns and gloves to protect our residents and co-workers from the possibility of spreading the virus.

I will continue to update you with any changes. As always, I thank you for your continued support and understanding in this difficult time.

Sincerely,

(Fred) Fortunato Scerbo III

Administrator