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Family Members,

The latest notifications you have been receiving from us speaks loudly to how the Omicron variant spreads rapidly. Today we need to share that we do have two positive residents. The residents have been moved the COVID unit within our building. In regards to staff we have five staff members that tested positive, these staff members work on both skilled and basic care. Staff and residents continue to receive education on the importance of hand hygiene and wearing facemasks. We stress the importance of these practices as Influenza A has been identified in our county as well. Our goal is to ensure we can keep residents free from both COVID-19 and Influenza, yet we realize it is difficult to prevent all cases. Please, if you have the slightest of cold or flu symptoms we ask that you postpone your visit at this time.

The residents have shown great resilience and spirit throughout the pandemic; they truly are our inspiration. Some have lived here for over 20 years and some for just a few weeks, regardless of the length of stay they come together as a family. It is evident that the staff gleam wisdom and strength from the people we have the pleasure to care for daily.

It is hard to believe we have been in our current building for over ten years. There are some updates needed to the building and one is carpeting. Our D Pod unit (skilled care) will be getting new carpet installed with a start date of January 24<sup>th</sup>. Residents are only expected to need to be out of their room part of the day while the new carpet is installed, there should be minimal disruption to residents. It will be exciting to have this fresh update,

We appreciate the encouragement and prayers as we work through the next few weeks. As you can imagine our staffing numbers have been affected. All team members are working together to ensure that your loved ones are cared for. Please feel free to reach out to any of us with questions or concerns.

**Helpful links:**

NDVH COVID-19 Safety Plan: [Safety Plan](#)  
ND Department of Health COVID-19 [ND Cases](#)

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