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Dear Residents,

We are now about 5 months into this pandemic in our community and we have been so very blessed and thankful to not have any significant Coronavirus exposure on our campus. To recap, we had two residents in the nursing center test positive. Neither of them ever had any symptoms. We have had a few staff test positive over the course of this pandemic. Several of these we suspect were false positives. Others are believed to have been true positives due to symptoms or other probable or known sources of exposure. Any time a staff member tests positive, they are immediately sent home to self-isolate. Then we work very closely with the Department of Health to ensure the safety of their coworkers, or if applicable residents, who may have had contact with this staff member. We also follow very thorough sanitation protocols in their work areas. The Department of Health mandates and provides testing in some circumstances in healthcare settings. As of last week, all of our Healthcare Center and all of our Hillcrest Assisted Living residents tested negative.

Even before any staff member tests positive, our staff are being very diligent to follow careful masking, distancing and sanitation protocols. Because of this, even if a staff member does later test positive, it limits the exposure risk to those who have worked around them.

The coronavirus numbers are coming down in Yakima County, but that does not mean that there is no longer a risk. We learned this week that we have one independent resident who is COVID positive. This person was exposed when visiting a close family member who was asymptomatic at the time of their visit. We believe this situation is well under control and you do not need to be fearful of exposure to yourself from this individual. However, this serves as a good reminder to all of us as we start to loosen restrictions on our campus. Even our loved ones can be asymptomatic carriers of this virus and we need to continue to maintain careful masking and distancing protocols. Please protect yourself and be a responsible neighbor to help protect our campus as a whole.

Thank you for your continued diligence in this regard.

Sincerely,

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