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Dear Residents and Families –

First, we are thankful to share with you that to date, none of our residents or staff have been diagnosed with novel coronavirus (COVID-19). We do not take this for granted and continue to monitor the facts and recommendations surrounding the pandemic in our state. All precautions are being taken to keep the NH Veterans Home free from this virus.

Recently, Lori Shibinette, the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services Commissioner, advised all of our state's long-term care facilities to coordinate COVID-19 tests for all residents and employees. This one-point-in-time test will establish a baseline and reveal if someone has the virus at that time without presenting symptoms.

Residents and employees will receive the least invasive, nasal swab test. The National Guard Mobile Unit will conduct these virus tests within the next week. Results, on average, are provided within seven days from the NH Division of Public Health Services Laboratory in Concord. We do not anticipate any positive test results, but should your veteran's test be returned with a positive result despite not having any symptoms, we would call you as soon as these results are available to us.

Our hearts go out to the residents and families in New Hampshire, New England, our nation and the world who have experienced the virus. The NH Veterans Home will continue to do everything in our power to keep your loved one healthy.

The NH Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continue to provide frequent updates on this ever-changing health concern. For more information on COVID-19 in NH, please visit www.nh.gov/covid19. For the latest information from the CDC, visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/.

We hope you and your family are healthy and stay safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret D. LaBrecque".

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