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Dear Residents and Families –

We are pleased to let you know that this morning, the COVID-19 test results from the second round of testing this week were received and all are negative. It is great to see regular activity resumed while terminal cleaning is underway on our Tarr North neighborhood.

You are once again welcome to call the Resource Nurse at (603) 527-4400 to schedule a social excursion for September 22nd or later.

Additional wonderful news is that Limited Visitation may once again resume. Recreational Therapy maintained a list of visits that were paused and will reschedule those first. To schedule a new visit after this time, please email visits@nhvh.nh.gov or leave a message with Recreational Therapy at (603) 527-4816.

We continue to abide by the constantly-evolving information shared by public health experts. Within the past few days, updates for long term care facilities were issued by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). After receiving this guidance, updates were made regarding how positive cases/close contacts are handled (i.e. quarantine and testing). To read this guidance, feel free to visit:

CMS: www.cms.gov/files/document/gso-20-38-nh-revised.pdf

CDC: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/long-term-care.html#content

Another update we received is that the CDC is now the central source for tracking the rate of COVID spread. As of today, all of New Hampshire (and the vast majority of the United States) is experiencing “High” community transmission with over 100 new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days. More information can be found at: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>

Lastly, being in the healthcare industry, we practice taking care of others on a daily basis. I have thoroughly enjoyed my career of caring for our State’s Veterans and have now made the personal decision to care for a family member in need of my time and attention. The NHVH Board of Managers will conduct the talent search for potential candidates to serve as Commandant. In the interim, I have agreed to continue to serve your veterans and our staff until a qualified candidate is selected. The Board, leadership team and I continue to work together to provide a seamless transition for our veterans and you, their families, as well as for our staff, veteran service organizations and other community connections.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve the State of New Hampshire since 1998 and our veterans here at the Home for 16 of those years. I thank our great team for their dedicated service to our veterans by providing wonderful care with dignity, honor and respect.

Sincerely,



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