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Good afternoon,

I am sad to report that we learned today that 2 more of our staff tested positive for COVID-19. One has been home on quarantine since 10.27 and the other began to not feel well earlier this week-went to get tested and learned he/she was positive. It is heartbreaking to have to continue to report these to all of you.

We are very concerned with the situation within our walls but even more concerned with the continued climbing number in cases we are seeing within our communities here in New Hampshire. Today, I checked the COVID dashboard, located at: <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/dashboard/schools.htm#dash>, and learned that Strafford county is at a substantial level of transmission and has a 4.2% 7-day PCR test positivity rate. This means the risk for exposure is very high and everyone must do their part to help prevent the spread of this terrible virus. Please stay at home if you do not need to go out, wear a mask, practice social distancing and wash your hands thoroughly.

The staff and residents will be tested again tomorrow by the mobile testing unit (the National Guard) for another round. Again, we will continue to be tested until we can go 14 days with no new cases. The residents and staff whom have already tested positive will not be tested again as they are not be tested for 90 days after the initial COVID positive test result per the Department of Health and Human Services.

We are continuing to monitor all staff and residents closely for any signs/symptoms. We are very happy to report that the symptoms of the residents whom have tested positive have very mild to no symptoms at all. We are pushing fluids and even ordered popsicles with electrolytes to help with hydration.

Again, we have all the necessary supplies to take care of protecting ourselves and those we are caring for with cleaning/disinfecting products - including an electrostatic sprayer, and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) - which includes isolation gowns, gloves, N95 masks, surgical masks, foot covers and even head covers if staff choose to want them. Foot and head coverings are not required but we have them available to all staff.

We thank you for your endless support and prayers during this very challenging time.

Thank you,

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