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Dear Residents, Families and Friends:

I share with you this update on COVID-19 activity at our Homewood at Martinsburg campus.

Today during our routine testing we identified an additional case of COVID-19 in a coworker on the Springfield unit of our health care center. Below is a quick update on all of the cases we are currently monitoring.

#### **Health Care Center**

##### ***Countryside Memory Care Unit***

Countryside halls two and three currently have two residents who are positive for COVID-19. They both have only mild symptoms at this time and are being cared for in a COVID care isolation room.

One coworker who tested positive for the virus has recovered and one continues to isolate at home.

##### ***Springfield Unit***

The resident on Springfield who was positive for the virus has recovered.

The coworker who was positive for the virus has also recovered. We do have an additional coworker who is now positive for the virus and is isolating at home.

##### ***Dietary Kitchen***

The coworker from our kitchen who become positive for the virus earlier this week, continues to isolate at home.

##### ***Administrative Offices***

We have two coworkers from our administrative offices that are positive for the virus and isolating at home.

The safety of our residents and coworkers continues to be our top priority. To reduce the spread and impact of COVID-19, we are following the most recent guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

We maintain close communication with local and state health officials to ensure we are taking the appropriate steps, including:

- Implementing enhanced infection control precautions, such as wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) when we care for residents and more frequent cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces.

- Screening residents and staff for COVID-19 symptoms, as well as anyone else who must enter our facility.
- Testing coworkers and residents for the virus causing COVID-19 based on current protocols.

We know that this is concerning to everyone and we will provide you with regular updates about this situation on our website [www.homewoodmartinsburg.com](http://www.homewoodmartinsburg.com) and will promptly notify you if we identify any additional residents or coworkers with confirmed COVID-19.

I will update you with any changes and pray that you all stay safe.

Sincerely,



Lisa Defibaugh, Executive Director