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Residents, Families and Co-Workers:

As I prepare this update, I realize that it has been 10 weeks since my initial notification to you regarding our community response to the Coronavirus. It seems like a lifetime ago. Our understanding of the virus, and prevention efforts continue to evolve.

All the experts agree on the fact that we serve the most vulnerable population and that we must employ the most stringent protective measures. This week, there is new guidance on COVID-19 testing strategies that will impact senior care communities and hospitals. We feel it is important to share these strategies with you to avoid any confusion or concern about testing.

Hospitals will now be testing all patients that are being discharged to a nursing home, personal care home, or assisted living residence. Many hospitals have also adopted more liberal testing of people presenting to the emergency room. Additionally, hospitals have resumed elective procedures and will require us to test residents prior to any procedure.

We have also received initial guidance that they may begin to require testing of all residents and co-workers in nursing homes. When we receive final directives on the nursing home testing strategy, we will provide you with that information.

We are thoughtfully working on a phased approach to safely lift some of the restrictions at our community. We continue to follow the no-visitation requirements of the Pennsylvania Department of Health but anticipate phased reopening plans in the near future. The fact that we remain free of the Covid-19 virus in our community is encouraging. I know this is hard on everyone and I hope you are all taking advantage of our virtual visit opportunities in the interim.

As we anxiously await our safe reopening and many happy reunions, stay safe and stay connected.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Defibaugh".

Lisa Defibaugh