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Dear villagers, team members, family members, and friends;

I hope this letter finds you well.

This week, COVID-19 testing did identify two team members with a positive result. These individuals have been at work recently, and contact based testing is occurring for individuals with whom they had contact with. We wish our coworkers a speedy and full recovery. They will return to work following the CDC guidance for healthcare personnel.

Recently, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services provided updates for nursing facilities in light of recent changes made at the CDC level. Overall, these changes are welcome and appropriate at this stage of the pandemic. While we have and will always place a significant emphasis on the importance of infection control, certain pandemic-era approaches will begin to change. More information will be provided in the future, but the first notable change surrounds scaling back routine testing for employees in favor of a testing strategy based on signs and symptoms of respiratory illness, or in response to contact tracing efforts in the event of an outbreak. Additionally, provisions are in place to be able to move away from the mandatory use of universal personal protective equipment based upon the county's community transmission rate. More updates specifically for visitors will be provided to you at the time it is permissible to implement.

I hope these updates continue to be valuable to you, and want to reiterate that even though some of the practices are beginning to change, a priority will always be on villager and team member safety, and things like hand hygiene, enhanced cleanliness standards, and of course following individual villager care plans. We will continue to update you regarding COVID-19 cases at Brewster Village in this fashion.

Once again, a significant cheer of gratitude is necessary for the Brewster Village and Aegis team members who have never wavered to provide quality, resident-directed care in a safe manner, exemplifying true care for the people they work with.

Sincerely,

Tim Neuman, NHA
Administrator