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Dear Villagers, Team Members, Family Members & Friends,

I am writing to inform you that 3 team members have tested positive for COVID-19 this week. These individuals are recovering at home and will return following guidance we have received from Public Health. We wish our team members well during their isolation period and look forward to their return. We started testing team members and villagers who were in close contact with these individuals. So far, all contact-tracing tests have come back negative. We will continue testing, per CDC guidelines. Although we are considered to be in outbreak status, it does not affect visitation for any villagers. We encourage all visitors to follow guidelines of safe practice during their visit. As always, you will be notified if there are any new identified cases in team members or villagers.

Yesterday, we held a vaccination clinic for any villagers who were interested and eligible to receive the Bivalent [COVID-19] vaccine booster. A single booster dose with an updated bivalent COVID-19 vaccine provides broad protection against COVID-19 and is expected to provide better protection against COVID-19 caused by the currently circulating Omicron variant. We had an amazing turn out with 76 villagers receiving the Bivalent booster. A huge thank you to Morton Pharmacy for coming in to administer the vaccine to our villagers. Also, enormous thank you to all of our team members who assisted with getting our villagers to and from the Community Center. These clinics would not be possible without the helping hands everyone was willing to put in.

As always, the safety and wellbeing of our villagers is our top priority. CMS strongly encourages all visitors and family members to become vaccinated or receive your booster to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. COVID-19 vaccines/boosters are available for everyone at no cost. You may search [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov), text your ZIP code to 438829 or call 1-800-232-0233 to find locations near you.

Thank you for your support in these efforts, your patience and understanding as we work together to promote the health and well-being of our villagers, team members, families and friends.

Kind Regards,

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