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Dear Villagers, Team members, Family members and Friends;

In the past 48 hours we received notification that one (1) of our Staff have tested positive for COVID-19. This individual is recovering at home, we wish our coworker well. This staff member was not in contact with any of our villagers or their peers during their contagious time. We determined that no contact trace testing must be completed per CDC guidelines.

Public Health has been updated. We will continue with testing team members and villagers, as needed, per CDC guidelines. As always, you will be notified if there are any new identified cases of COVID-19 in team members or villagers.

As previously shared, testing methodology is now based on contact tracing versus surveillance testing.

We are not in outbreak status as our last positive COVID patient was determined to have had a false positive. CDC guidelines were followed in that determination. However, we will be requiring masks at this time. Ongoing consideration will be given to the status of wearing masks for staff, volunteers and visitors. We continue to encourage all visitors to follow guidelines of safe practice during their visit.

Per CMS requirements, we will continue to notify you in the event that new COVID-19 cases are identified at Brewster Village. Brewster Village team members remain diligent in infection control measures, including utilizing universal source control (masks), additional personal protective equipment when necessary, enhanced cleaning, and maintaining a high level of diligence for monitoring for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. I continue to applaud their efforts in keeping the villagers and themselves safe.

Sincerely,

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