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Dear Villagers, Team members, Family members and Friends;

Over the course of this past week we have identified three (3) staff members who tested positive for COVID-19. These cases did not impact our villagers care as the staff members had not been in the building and or did not have contact with villagers during their contagious period. They are recuperating at home and we wish them well. We have had no additional Villagers testing positive for COVID-19. However, the additional staff cases have caused us to again be considered in an outbreak.

We have updated Public Health of these cases and will request their assistance as needed.

Outbreak status is measured as one (1) or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 (among staff or Villagers). We will continue with testing team members and villagers, as needed, per CDC guidelines. As previously shared, testing methodology is now based on contact tracing versus surveillance testing. As always, you will be notified if there are any new identified cases of COVID-19 that affect care to you/your Villagers. A letter will be sent weekly while we are considered in outbreak (if affecting villagers).

We continue to encourage all visitors to follow guidelines of safe respiratory practice during their visit. This includes but is not limited to: deferring a visit if you feel unwell, washing/sanitizing your hands regularly, following good cough etiquette practices and keeping your vaccinations up to date.

Brewster Village team members remain diligent in infection control measures and for monitoring for the signs and symptoms of COVID-19. I continue to applaud their efforts in keeping the villagers and themselves safe.

Sincerely,

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