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Dear Residents and Family,

I was notified late afternoon yesterday that one of our residents living in independent living tested positive for COVID-19. The resident is fully vaccinated and is presenting with mild symptoms of the virus. We believe the source of the virus was outside of the Brewster community. Contact tracing has been completed and those individuals believed to have had contact with the resident within the CDC timeframe have been notified. Additional testing for those individuals is being completed and they will quarantine until the test results are returned. We are thankful our resident recognized the symptoms and immediately self-quarantined.

The situation with COVID-19 and the vaccine continue to evolve; however, the CDC is standing by the following statements as known to be true:

- COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective at preventing COVID-19, including severe illness and death.
- COVID-19 vaccines are effective against severe disease and death from variants of the virus that causes COVID-19 currently circulating in the United States, including the Delta variant.
- Infections happen in only a small proportion of people who are fully vaccinated, even with the Delta variant. When these infections occur among vaccinated people, they tend to be mild.
- If you are fully vaccinated and become infected with the Delta variant, you can spread the virus to others.
- People with weakened immune systems, including people who take immunosuppressive medications, may not be protected even if fully vaccinated.

We will continue to monitor the situation and communicate as we identify new information or update our protocols. As of now, our campus will remain open for residents and guests. All unvaccinated individuals, residents, staff, and guests alike are required to wear a mask while indoors. **Please assure your guests follow this rule. Most importantly, please stay home if you feel any signs or symptoms of illness and call our community health nurse at 785-274-3342** so we can assure the proper care and organizational response. Thank you.

Joe Ewert
President and CEO