

March 30, 2023

Dear Resident and Family Members,

We are writing to inform you that we have received notification today that 1 staff member has tested positive for COVID-19. Please be advised that the facility is in outbreak status. We are currently conducting contact tracing and will test any residents and staff members who may have been exposed at least twice in the coming days to ensure negative results. If this affects your loved one, his/her designated representative will have been notified by phone.

Please be advised, NYS Department of Health does <u>not</u> require visitors to present a negative SARS-CoV-2 test result prior to visiting your love one. However, nursing homes are advised that all visitors should continue to adhere to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention. Those principles include:

- Sanitize your hands often, especially when entering and leaving our facility, and maintain physical distancing wherever possible
- Surgical or better masks (no cloth masks) are required to be worn at all times while in the facility, including during your visit with your loved one.
- Please refrain from visiting if you do not feel well, if you have tested positive for COVID-19, or if you know, you have been exposed to COVID.

All visitors are encouraged to be vaccinated, and boosted when eligible, to reduce the risk of contracting and spreading COVID-19, as well as to reduce the severity of illness if infection occurs.

Thank you and we appreciate your cooperation.

## The St. Johnland Care Team