MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 20th, 2020

TO: ALL RESIDENTS, FAMILIES & STAFF

FROM: RON PATTI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HILLTOP CAMPUS

RE: COVID-19 POSITIVE EMPLOYEES ON HILLTOP CAMPUS

Hello everyone,

As you know, we continue to conduct routine COVID-19 testing of all employees weekly in accordance with the NYS Department of Health mandate. Resident and staff safety remain our top priority and we continue to do all we can to prevent COVID-19 from entering our facilities.

As part of our routine testing conducted on June 16th, on this date, we learned of two staff members, both whom were asymptomatic, that tested positive for COVID-19. One employee works in dietary and delivered meals to a number of apartments of our independent living residents on June 14th and June 15th. We have been in contact with any resident in which there was potential exposure. While the contact was minimal, and the employee was wearing proper personal protective equipment, we caution residents to monitor themselves for symptoms and recommend self-isolation for 14 days. This same employee also delivered trays to our Hilltop West assisted living unit 2. All Adult Care residents are monitored at least daily for symptoms.

The other employee works in dietary at James G. Johnston Memorial Nursing Home but did not have any contact with residents and was also wearing personal protective equipment. We continue to employ every possible measure to prevent spread. As previously mentioned, any resident in which potential exposure exists has been contacted. All staff are also closely monitored and screened daily in addition to the routine testing. Again, should any resident develop symptoms, we would promptly reach out to the primary contact and test as appropriate.

Lastly, I am happy to report that currently we do not have any cases of COVID-19 in any of our residents and are diligently following all infection control protocols to keep it that way. Thank you for your support and understanding which truly means a great deal during these times. I remain hopeful of better days to come and look forward to the days where we can safely resume visitation. However, at this time, we must continue to restrict visits except for end of life care situations. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions at 607-798-7818 ext. 210.

Sincerely,

Ron Patti

Executive Director Hilltop Campus