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To Our Residents and Family Members:

Due to the large impact COVID-19 is having on Long-Term Care Facilities (LTCF's) and other congregate settings, Governor Northam and the COVID-19 Long-Term Care Task Force recently initiated the Virginia Department of Health Point Prevalence Survey (PPS) project. The purpose of this project is to obtain a base line of data that reflects where we stand, in relation to COVID, at a specific point in time. On July 1, 2020, with the assistance of the Virginia National Guard, the **Brian Center Fincastle** tested all residents and employees for COVID-19 to obtain said baseline. On July 13, 2020, the **Brian Center Fincastle** was informed that a former "non-clinical" employee tested positive for COVID-19. This employee's last day of employment was on July 1, 2020 and has not been back in the building. This is the first positive confirmation at the **Brian Center Fincastle**, bringing our total positive cases to one employee and zero residents. Additionally, the Brian Center Fincastle is completing a second round of testing today. We will provide further updates when the testing results become available.

The safety and well-being of our residents and employees continues to be our top priority. We are doing everything we can to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our building. We continue to screen all employees and essential vendors prior to entering the building. In addition, we remain in close communication with local and state health officials to ensure we are taking all the appropriate steps during this pandemic. These steps are based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to reduce the spread and impact of COVID-19, such as:

- Enhanced infection control precautions
- Screening residents, staff, and essential visitors for expanded list of symptoms
- Restricting visitation and entry of people to the building
- Proactively testing staff and residents for COVID-19 based on current protocols
- Postponing communal activities
- Increasing PPE par levels
- And following CDC/CMS recommendations

We also understand that connecting with family members is incredibly important to our residents. Additionally, we encourage family members to connect with their loved ones through video chat, calling or facetime. We can also arrange for window visits. Please let us know by contacting Vanessa Wade at [Vanessa.Wade@kissito.org](mailto:Vanessa.Wade@kissito.org) or calling her at 540-473-2288 should we need to schedule this for you.

We need your help in battling COVID-19. Please visit the CDC website ([www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)) to learn how you can help prevent the spread in our community.

This is a difficult time for everyone. We will continue to provide you with updates. Please know that we are adhering to guidelines from the local and state health departments, which continue to evolve as we learn more about this virus.

We know that you may have questions and we encourage you to contact our center. You can reach us at 540-473-2288, email me at [Mike.Grepiotis@kissito.org](mailto:Mike.Grepiotis@kissito.org), or visit our website [www.kissito.org](http://www.kissito.org).

Sincerely,

Mike Grepiotis

Chief Administrative Officer