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To Our Residents and Family Members:

As you are aware, our community has experienced an increase in positive cases of COVID-19 in the past two weeks. **Bland Nursing and Rehab Center** remains committed to our residents, putting their care and safety at the forefront of each day. Currently, we have completed over 800 tests on our employees and residents to guide our decisions throughout the pandemic. **Bland Nursing and Rehab Center** continues to test weekly for COVID-19 in effort to prevent further spread in our community.

Bland Nursing and Rehab Center continues to focus heavily on infection control and is utilizing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) across all departments. Our PPE inventory is monitored daily to ensure our Center always has adequate supply. Additionally, we are screening employees' multiple times per shift, which includes passing temperature checks prior to entering the building. Although our goal has been to progress through the phased re-opening stages outlined by CMS, **Bland Nursing and Rehab Center** continues to restrict visitors and vendors from entering our home. Essential personnel are required to complete and pass our screening process and questionnaire prior to entering **Bland Nursing and Rehab Center**.

The safety and wellbeing of our residents continues to be our top priority. We are doing everything we can to limit the spread of COVID-19 within **Bland Nursing and Rehab Center**, including staying in very close communication with local and state health officials to ensure we are taking all the appropriate steps under current circumstances.

We are taking steps 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.

We need your help in battling COVID-19. Please visit the CDC website (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. Please call us at 276-688-4141, email us at AnnaLaura.May@kissito.org, or visit our website www.kissito.org for updates on the status of your loved one.

Sincerely,

Anna Laura May

Chief Administrative Officer