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To Our Residents and Family Members:

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently issued guidelines for COVID-19 testing that are based on the positivity rate per County. To remain compliant, Counties with a positive infection rate of 10% or greater will be required to test for COVID-19 twice weekly, which includes testing all residents and employees. These counties are categorized by CMS as “red” Counties. Kissito Healthcare has three facilities that are currently located in “red” Counties, which means they will be completing 100% testing two times per week until the positive infection rate is reduced below 10%. These buildings include the Brian Center Fincastle, Maple Grove Rehabilitation and Care Center, and Mulberry Creek Nursing and Rehab.

Counties that have a positive infection rate of 5% or greater (not exceeding 9.9%) will be categorized as “yellow” Counties. These Counties will be required to complete 100% testing on all residents and employees once each week. Kissito Healthcare currently has three facilities located in “yellow” Counties. The Brian Center Alleghany, Bland Nursing and Rehab and Warsaw Nursing and Rehab Center will be completing 100% testing once each week until the positive infection rate in their Counties drops below 5%.

CMS categorized Counties that have a positive infection rate less than 5% as “green”. These Counties will be required to complete 100% testing on all residents and employees once a month. Kissito Healthcare currently has one facility, The Springs Nursing and Rehab Center, located in a “green” County. Although the testing requirements mandates 100% testing only once a month, Kissito Healthcare plans to complete 100% testing bi-weekly at The Springs Nursing and Rehab Center in effort to guide our decisions and prevent COVID-19 from entering our building.

Throughout the pandemic, these testing guidelines and recommendations issued by CMS have been fluid. Our teams are working diligently day in and day out to remain on top of the guidance and recommendations released by our governing agencies. We are committed to providing quality care and ensuring the safety of our residents across all facilities. Kissito Healthcare will continue to provide updates on the status of the testing guidelines and will share the results of facility testing as applicable. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact one of our Centers directly.

Thank you,

Robert McClintic, CEO