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To Our Residents and Family Members:

In our ongoing communication with you during the COVID-19 pandemic, **The Brian Center Fincastle** continues to issue communication regarding the status of our residents and employees. **The Brian Center Fincastle** continues to test all employees and residents for COVID-19 per CMS testing recommendations, and to help guide our decisions during the pandemic. On February 27, 2021, **The Brian Center Fincastle** received confirmation that one employee tested positive for COVID-19. This employee has been removed from work and will be self-quarantining for 14 days. Prior to returning to work, this employee will be required to have a negative PCR test result. **Zero** residents tested positive for COVID-19. We continue to promote social distancing inside and outside of work and encourage all citizens to practice social distancing due to the direct correlation between community spread and facility spread. Botetourt County has been in the “red” shadings for County positivity rate for the past seventeen consecutive weeks and currently has a positivity rate of 13.10%. **The Brian Center Fincastle** will continue performing 100% testing two times per week until further notice. **Our team at The Brian Center Fincastle remain committed to the quality and safe care of our residents and as a result have postponed all visitation until further notice.** We will continue to provide updates as additional information becomes 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, including donning appropriate PPE. 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 continued 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 [Len.Smith@kissito.org](mailto:Len.Smith@kissito.org), or visit our website [www.kissito.org](http://www.kissito.org)

Sincerely,

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