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We wish to inform the public that we have received confirmation this week that 2 dietary employees at Park Place of Belvidere have been diagnosed with COVID-19. Additionally, as the result of aggressive testing, two residents were identified as having COVID-19. Resident safety is our top priority. We are doing everything we can to ensure we stop the spread of COVID-19 within our Center, including staying in very close communication with local and state health officials to ensure we are taking all the appropriate steps. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have recommended a variety of steps that we have implemented to prevent spreading of this virus.

As part of our proactive approach to the presence of COVID-19 in the community, for the past 6 weeks our facility has been screening residents and employees and requiring them to wear a facemask while in the building. This significantly reduces the risk for transmission of this virus.

Our facility is following the recommendations of the CDC on prevention steps, including following strict handwashing procedures, disinfectant procedures, and in many circumstances, wearing gowns, masks, and gloves when interacting with residents. Our staff and residents are following all recommended preventative actions, and we are actively screening everyone (staff and residents) in order to quickly identify and isolate those with potential illness. We are keeping all potentially ill individuals away from healthy individuals. In addition, we also are staying up to date with the CDC recommendations as they may continue to change.

Although there are National shortages, we have had a steady and ample supply of personal protective equipment – including gowns, gloves, face masks, N95 respirators, and eye protection. We will continue all of our prevention interventions and we will continue to provide you with updates as needed.

We are doing everything we can to contain and eradicate this, and we are strictly adhering to all directions from the local and state health department. We thank everyone who has been supportive, encouraging, and especially understanding with everything we are facing and continue to pray that we make our way through this crisis with our spirits high and with nothing but success stories to share. Our hearts and thoughts go out to everyone across the country and across our healthcare network who have suffered from this horrific pandemic and who continue to struggle with the ongoing changes and struggles that it brings.

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