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COVID-19 Update for Livingston County Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation

Mount Morris, NY, January 18, 2021 — The Livingston County Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation (CNR) is currently experiencing an uptick in COVID-19 cases among staff. The total number of COVID-19 positives among CNR staff is 25 at present. Additionally, there are 5 people out related to COVID-19 exposures and 2 out secondary to travel. This represents approximately 10% of the staff, comprised of both clinical and ancillary staff members. This percentage is slightly lower than the current community rate(s) of both the County and the Finger Lakes Region over the past 10 days.

All CNR staff members are tested two times per week and are screened on a daily basis. In the event of a positive test result, the employee is immediately removed from the schedule, and notifications are made to the state and local departments of health as well as resident / responsible parties.

Currently there are 5 residents in the Center that are COVID-19 positive. These residents are in the Center's dedicated COVID-19 unit under quarantine. All residents in the quarantine area remain so for a minimal 21-day period, receive multiple COVID-19 PCR tests to ensure negativity, and must be symptom-free prior to transitioning into a long-term care neighborhood.

The resident vaccination acceptance rate – or those wishing to, and in fact taking the vaccine dose #1 – is around 92% and expected to climb higher during our second and third clinics on January 27, 2021 and February 17, 2021.

The CNR has had three unannounced New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Infection Control surveys over the last 8 weeks. The focus of these surveys is to ensure the CNR is compliant with state, federal, and infection prevention guidelines. The CNR was deemed to be in substantial compliance.

The health of our CNR residents and staff is paramount. Positive case counts in the facility staff are expected given the virus' spread in the regional community of the Finger Lakes. Our protocols include enhanced utilization of N-95 respirators, KN-95's in lieu of surgical masks, quarantine and isolation specific PPE, in concert with our aggressive infection prevention policies and procedures. These protocols continue to remain effective interventions to continue mitigation against the potential spread throughout the CNR.

Stephen Woodruff, Director of Long-Term Care at the CNR, stated, "We would like to thank our amazing staff for their incredible work during this COVID-19 pandemic. These folks are true health care heroes."

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