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We have no positive results for COVID-19 with residents or staff. As reported yesterday, we have an RSV outbreak on 5th floor with 4 positive swabs. The affected residents are experiencing mild cold-like symptoms. Our extended cleaning protocols and the use of personal protective equipment by staff are both mitigating the spread. There is one resident and one staff member with results pending.

Today we started the process of isolating part of a floor to create a dedicated COVID unit. The ability to quickly isolate a resident with a positive result for COVID is vital to reducing transmission in the home. The unit will be staffed by employees who are solely dedicated to the unit. Although we hope it will not be needed, having it in place now will ensure we can respond quickly if required.

Our medical director, Dr. Barry Clarke and I are sending out a letter tomorrow by email or mail with specifics on how we will treat COVID should we get a case. Watch for it in your spam box.

If you have questions about the care of your loved one, please be sure to reach out to the nursing staff on the unit. They are always the best source for information on residents. I'm happy to answer questions you have regarding our preparedness for the pandemic. You can reach me by leaving a message after the beep or calling the main line at 902-429-0550.