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We are learning from the other homes that have received positive cases. Northwood attributes part of their wide outbreak to asymptomatic individuals. One way to ensure we are not missing undetected cases is to test staff; if staff are negative, residents will be too as we have strictly adhered to the public health directives on outside visitors. Therefore, under the direction of public health and our medical director, Dr. Barry Clarke, we did initial staff testing today of 31 employees. These were sent to the lab this afternoon and we anticipate the results this weekend. We will update the line if we receive a positive result, otherwise, the message will be updated on Monday.

This is not cause for alarm; with no individuals displaying symptoms, we are hopeful this proactive step will reinforce the practices we have been following. However, if there is a positive result, testing now before symptoms manifest might allow us time to limit transmission.

Although we are not accepting dropped off items, Mother's Day is approaching. Letters, pictures and small items by mail are welcomed. We have decided to allow flower delivery through a specific local florist only. Contact Nancy at ext 112 for more information.

Let's hope for a quiet weekend.

Angela.