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Residents and Families,

It is with a heavy heart we need to report that during our second round of testing this week, it was discovered that a fully vaccinated team member tested positive for COVID19. This team member only worked on Millcreek Neighborhood, therefore Millcreek residents will remain on isolation for the next 14 days. We will continue testing all team members and residents per CMS guidelines, regardless of vaccination status, twice weekly until there are 4 consecutive rounds of negative tests.

Unfortunately, this new case also means that indoor visits have been further suspended for Millcreek residents, with the exception of compassionate care visits. Compassionate care visits will remain unchanged. Also, Millcreek residents are discouraged from leaving the community during this isolation period, unless deemed medically necessary. Mountain and Cottage visits remain unchanged.

The summer is coming to an end and before we know it the holiday season will be here. We know that spending time with family, loved ones and friends is very important any time of the year, but especially during the holidays. We want to remind everyone to be safe as possible and to continue practicing good infection control techniques, regardless of vaccination status. This includes washing or sanitizing your hands often, social distancing and wearing a mask when around other people. Check for the latest travel restrictions on the KDHE website prior to, or following, any travel or mass gatherings such as sports events to determine if quarantine is needed. These are simple, yet critical, defense strategies to protect you and to lessen the spread of COVID.

Flu season is also quickly approaching and we want to encourage everyone to get the Influenza vaccine this year, if you're able to. We are awaiting further guidance from our physicians regarding residents that want the Influenza vaccine, but also meet the criteria for the third dose of the COVID vaccine. Families and residents will be notified as we receive confirmation on how they would like us to proceed. We are hopeful we will be able to start administering the 3rd dose of the vaccine in the coming weeks.

Thank you,

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