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Message to Duncaster Residents and Families

Michael A. O'Brien, President and CEO

On Tuesday September 29<sup>th</sup> we were made aware that a staff member tested positive for COVID-19. We conducted contact tracing and case investigation to determine who would have had exposure to this employee. Anyone with a significant exposure was contacted. This staff member was not a direct caregiver, has little to no direct contact with residents, and is home quarantining for fourteen days. This employee also has a family member who works at Duncaster. That individual tested negative and is also quarantining for fourteen days. In addition, everyone that we tested in connection with contact tracing for exposure has tested negative.

Following Federal and Connecticut Department of Public Health guidance, one case of COVID-19, staff or residents, is considered an outbreak. We are therefore required to initiate weekly testing for all staff as well as Assisted Living and Caleb Hitchcock Health Center residents until we have a fourteen day period of no positive cases. All Independent Living residents are only required to be tested monthly and will be tested on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

We will continue to evaluate the impact of testing results on programs, services and activities. At this time it is extremely important to contain and prevent any potential spread of COVID-19 in our community. Please remember to wear your mask, wash your hands and practice social distancing.