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## **UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Hello, we are appreciative of the cooler weather today for the outdoor visits.

There are no positive test result for Covid19 received as of today.

The staff testing for the second round in June has started today and continues through Friday, with results expected over the next few days and the weekend. Staff testing is done in house, with swabs provided by Public Health for the purpose of staff testing. We are doing this testing on our own for the staff which does require about 40 hours of staff time. We do not have the capacity to test families as public health will not provide these swabs to us and we don't have the necessary staff resources to test families as well as all of the staff.

I know that the testing for families has been challenging. We have advocated for families to make the testing process more accommodating through a number of channels. A couple of suggestions which have been made are to have a designated time for LTC visitors at the testing sites and give families priority like health care workers. We did call a testing site, and were told that seniors have priority already. So, make yourself known if you are a senior and you should not have to wait in line. We will let you know if we hear of any further accommodations.

Be well and safe,

**Janet Morris**  
President & CEO