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To: All Residents, Families, and Staff

Staff COVID Test in a Staff Confirmed as False-Positive

I want to pass on some favourable news. The retest of staff member who tested positive for COVID-19 a few days ago **has been returned as “negative” (clear of the virus)**. This means that the original test was a “false-positive”, which apparently happens in less than 1% of COVID “NP swab” tests.

We are immediately removing our preventative outbreak procedures and returning the Home to “normal”.

Moira Place is now operating under the protocols of the provincial Shutdown put into effect on Boxing Day. For long-term care homes, this means that all visits and absences continue to be cancelled for the duration of the Shutdown. Staff testing is now weekly versus biweekly. All of our other COVID infection prevention and control practices remain in place.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate these exceptional times. The Christmas-week timing of the false-positive test was truly unfortunate, but we are very happy to have the matter resolved. We will continue to be vigilant and ask that all the family members and loved ones of our residents do the same.

We continue to offer virtual visits through such vehicles as FaceTime and Skype, so please contact us to make the arrangements.

We will continue to share information as the situation evolves.

Merry Christmas and all the best of the holiday season.

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