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To: All Residents, Families, and Staff

COVID 19 Outbreak Over

Good news! The COVID-19 Outbreak has been officially declared over in all Home-Areas of Centennial Place.

It has been a long couple of months since we experienced our first case, with flare-ups here and there just as things were seeming to settle. Perhaps the biggest take-away was that the vaccine worked. All of our staff are vaccinated and virtually all residents have had four doses. As a result, the symptoms that individuals generally experienced were relatively mild and controlled. Thankfully there were no hospitalizations or deaths.

During the outbreak our staff did amazing work at keeping the effects of this virus on our residents to a minimum. It has been challenging at times, but our teams really pulled together to meet resident care needs. Our staff were asked to step outside of their regular roles in order to get things done, and this is commendable.

During this outbreak we also called upon designated Essential Caregivers for help when we had staff isolating at home. Those caregivers who came in to help care for their loved ones also deserve our appreciation. Thank you to all who pitched in!

I want to give a special mention to our Life Enrichment team as well, who jumped in with both feet when Public Health informed us that residents needed to isolate. As you can imagine, it is challenging to keep residents engaged while they have been asked to remain in their own room. Our team adapted quickly, and we hope that our residents only experienced minimal disruptions to their normal, everyday routines! Thanks for all your innovative ideas that you were able to share with our residents and their families.

Finally, I can't emphasize this enough for family members: *If you are eligible, please stay up to date with your vaccinations.* As we saw during this outbreak, the vaccine works. It helps keep staff and their families healthy – and available to work. And, as we saw, it prevents hospitalizations and death among all older adults and the immunocompromised.

Sincerely,

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