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Dear BaneCare Families,

As you know, COVID-19 cases and positivity rates continue to rise in our geography. All of Massachusetts is in high transmission.

Your loved one's center is equipped with proper PPE and we are taking every precaution to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in each of our facilities. Please help us by performing proper hand hygiene, staying home when you are sick, and always wearing your masks properly while visiting our center.

In addition, the CDC is now recommending that if you or a loved one is going to an indoor event or a gathering, to test immediately before the gathering, or as close to the time of the event as possible. This is especially important before a gathering with [individuals at risk of severe disease](#), [older adults](#), those who are [immunocompromised](#), or people who are not [up to date on their COVID-19 vaccines](#), including children who cannot get vaccinated yet. If one of our residents is planning on attending an event outside the facility, we strongly encourage that resident to consider the risks. In addition, we recommend testing after the event, especially prior to visiting our nursing center.

We are encouraging outdoor visits at each center as much as possible. While not recommended, residents who are in isolation or quarantine may still receive visitors. We continue to offer electronic methods for virtual communication, such as Skype and FaceTime.

All visitors as well as anyone else entering the facility are still required to be screened for recent exposures or signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Any individual who has a positive screen with symptoms of COVID-19 infection or who has been exposed in the prior 10 days and did not quarantine for 5 days (regardless of the visitor's vaccination status) will not be permitted to visit with a resident. All visitors are strongly encouraged to take a rapid antigen test upon arrival to help protect our staff and residents. We also have test kits available you may obtain to test prior to coming to the facility if desired.

Thank you for your patience and continued support as we focus on the safety and well-being of your loved ones. As always, we will continue to provide you updates on our website at www.banecare.com/covid-19. If you have any trouble accessing our website, please let us know.

Sincerely,

BaneCare Executive Directors

