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Dear Family Member or Responsible Party,

Weinberg Campus has been closely monitoring information about coronavirus respiratory illness (COVID-19) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), New York State Department of Health and our local Erie County Health Department.

The health and safety of our residents is our top priority. People who are most at risk for illness are elderly or have health conditions such as asthma or other respiratory illnesses, immune disorders, heart disease, or diabetes.

We have an emergency plan in place and have assembled a COVID-19 task force to help to coordinate our response in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak. The following measures are also in place:

- We have ongoing infection control practices to help contain illnesses, such as the flu, in compliance with local, state and federal regulations for long-term care facilities. These same protocols currently apply to COVID-19. Additionally, nursing staff in our nursing home and assisted living residences receive specialized training in infection control.
- Our nursing home, assisted living residents and home healthcare clients receive routine health screenings to address symptoms of illness as quickly as possible.
- For medical emergencies, we have arrangements with community responders, transportation companies and outside healthcare facilities. Drills are conducted regularly with emergency responders.
- All employees receive mandatory training that covers a variety of emergency scenarios, and adequate supplies and provisions are available on Campus as part of our overall emergency preparedness plan.

We will continue to work with our state and local health departments and will inform you of developments that impact our Campus. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or any of our administrators.

The latest updates about COVID-19 are available from the following resources:

- Erie County Health Department: <http://www2.erie.gov/health/index.php?q=coronavirus>
- NYS Department of Health: <https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>
- CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/share-facts-stop-fear.html>

We have been advised that the general risk remains low in New York and there is no reason for undue anxiety. We are diligently managing this situation and we will continue to provide information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

Bob Mayer  
President & CEO