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Dear Residents, Family Members, and/or Guardians

We are fortunate that you have entrusted your or your loved one's care to us at one of our facilities, including Homme Home of Wittenberg, Homme Residential Wittenberg CBRF, Forest Park Village, The Gardens RCAC, and Stonecrest CBRF.

Over the last week our national and local media have been reporting on COVID-19, or the coronavirus, throughout the world and United States. COVID-19 has not been prevalent in the communities of Wittenberg and Wausau, WI, however as we care for elderly residents who may have multiple medical conditions, we must take steps to ensure our residents' safety.

According to the Centers for Disease Control symptoms of COVID-19 generally include fever, dry cough, shortness of breath, but may be as simple as runny nose, sore throat, nasal congestion or diarrhea. These symptoms may be mild or severe and occur 2-14 days after exposure. Transmission is through droplets from person-to-person in close contact, within 6 feet of each other.

To ensure the safety of our residents we are limiting visitors in which visitors may come for certain situations essential for a resident's emotional well-being and care or end of life care. Visitors with upper respiratory symptoms should not enter our facilities. Likewise, if a visitor has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 or who recently traveled to a country with known COVID-19 spread should not enter our facilities. We have posted signage at our entrances for visitors

While the risk in Wisconsin remains low, we all play a part in preventing community spread. Upon entering Homme facilities please remember to wash your hands and use liquid hand sanitizer before and after entry.

Questions regarding COVID-19 can be directed to Brad Davis, RN, Director of Nursing and Infection Control Wittenberg Campus at bradd@homme.org or 715.235.2125 ext. 132 , or to me at justinc@homme.org or 715.253.2125. ext. 151.

We continue to monitor the situation and evaluate additional measures to support our residents as the need arise.

Sincerely,

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