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Dear Residents, Staff, Family Members and Vendors,

We would like to provide an update regarding the potential exposure resulting from a Nursing Assistant who tested positive for COVID-19 on August 21, 2020.

Out of precaution and safety, we have implemented our response plan addressing this concern which includes broad precautionary testing of residents as well as staff members. Testing was completed for residents with potential exposure on Saturday August 22, 2020. In addition, employees with potential exposure as well as extensive additional employee testing was completed on the same date.

Testing Results from August 21, 2020:

- 57 Residents were tested and all results were **negative**.
- 66 Staff were tested: one previously identified direct care was positive on 8/21/20 and 1 additional direct care CNA who was asymptomatic was confirmed positive for a total of 2 direct care staff. Both employees are placed off work until clearance to return. Neither staff work at another health care facility.

Another Interval Testing Clinic will take place on Wednesday August 26<sup>th</sup> for **all** residents and also available for staff alike.

In the event of a positive resident result, we will notify the resident and their representative directly. We continue following guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as Hawaii State Department of Health for prevention, care and treatment of the condition. This includes guidance on safely returning to work for staff after recovery from COVID-19.

As part of our increased infection prevention measures, we are taking additional measures including:

- Increased and ongoing staff education on the signs, symptoms and transmission of COVID -19
- Enhanced infection prevention and control measures including expanded use of personal protective equipment and increased disinfecting and cleaning routines
- Continued screening of all residents, staff and essential visitors
- Ongoing restrictions to visitation of anyone entering our facility
- Broadly testing residents and staff for COVID-19
- Limiting of group activities and encouraging social distancing

We encourage you to watch for these communication updates which will also be posted on our website at [www.alohanursing.com](http://www.alohanursing.com). In addition, I can be reached by email at [dschadel@alohanursing.com](mailto:dschadel@alohanursing.com) or call (808) 441-9542 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Administrator