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September 1, 2020

Dear Residents, Staff, Family Members and Vendors,

As part of our continued surveillance and precautionary measures, additional COVID-19 Interval Testing was held on Wednesday August 26th, 2020. Testing was offered for all residents as well as employees and supporting essential clinical vendors.

Testing Results from August 26, 2020:

- 108 Residents were tested and all results are **negative**.
- 69 Staff were tested resulting in one direct care CNA who was asymptomatic but tested positive. The remaining 68 staff tested were negative.

Since July 31, 2020 a total of four employees have tested positive for COVID-19. Identified employees include one non-direct care staff on 7/31/20 and three direct-care staff on 8/21/20, 8/22/20 and 8/26/20. All employees confirmed positive COVID-19 have been removed from the schedule and placed on leave for the mandatory quarantine period. None of the four employees work at another health care facility. Our heartfelt wishes go out to all those affected by this invasive pandemic.

Additional Interval Testing will take place once again on **Wednesday September 2nd** from **7am until 9am** for residents and staff. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have recently announced new requirements for Nursing Homes to conduct mandatory COVID-19 testing on all employees. We will update you with more information as we receive additional guidance from CMS on implementation of the new requirement and the frequency of testing of our employees.

In the event of a positive result, we will notify the employee, resident and/or 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 precautionary 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 pre-entry 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. In addition, I can be reached by email at dschadel@alohanursing.com or call (808) 441-9542 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darrin Schadel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "D".

Darrin Schadel
Administrator