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Dear Residents, Families, Staff and Vendors,

As part of our continued surveillance and precautionary measures, COVID-19 Interval Testing was held on Wednesday September 2nd, 2020. Testing was offered for residents as well as employees and supporting essential clinical vendors.

Testing results from September 2nd, 2020:

- 80 Residents were tested. This includes a second weekly consecutive test for all first floor residents, all results are **negative**.
- Second floor residents, two weekly consecutive tests were complete last week, all results were **negative**. Additional precautionary testing for 2nd floor was completed this week and all results are **negative**.
- 59 Staff were tested and all results are **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. None of the four employees work at another health care facility. Any employee confirmed positive COVID-19 will be removed from the schedule and placed on leave for the mandatory quarantine period and until cleared to return to work.

Last week, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced new requirements for mandatory COVID-19 testing of all Nursing Home employees. Therefore, ongoing Interval Testing will continue for all employees at frequencies mandated by CMS. Employee testing will take place on **Wednesday September 9th** from **8am until 11am**. We will continue to update you with more information as we receive guidance from CMS.

For our residents, routine and increased daily monitoring of COVID-19 symptoms will continue. In the event of COVID-19 symptoms or concerns, testing will be completed by physicians' orders. We will notify the resident and/or their representative directly including the result. If a positive result is found, all employees, residents and/or responsible parties and vendors will be notified. We will follow guidance from CMS, CDC as well as the Hawaii State Department of Health for care and treatment of the individual.

While we are relieved that this week's results are negative, we recognize that battling COVID-19 and keeping everyone in our care safe is an ongoing process. We anticipate that

routine testing may result in further identification of COVID-19 positive results. It is out of increased precaution that we continue our commitment to efforts to reduce the risk and prevalence to everyone in our care.

ANRC continues to practice strict facility-wide screening of all employees and essential clinical vendors before allowing entry into our facility. This includes temperature checks, screening of COVID-19 symptoms, and brief contact tracing questions to determine any potential risk of exposure.

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 employees and residents for COVID-19
- Limiting of group activities and encouraging social distancing

We encourage you to watch for ongoing communication and updates which will 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.

Sincerely,



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