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Dear Elders, Families and Friends of MSS,

We have been notified that an elder from Seashore Highlands Assisted Living has tested positive for COVID-19. The elder was hospitalized more than a week ago for unrelated issues. Prior to entry into the hospital, the elder tested negative for the virus. During their stay, the elder has been diagnosed with the virus. The elder is still hospitalized and is receiving appropriate care.

Out of an abundance of caution, we wanted to alert everyone to this positive case. We are currently identifying and monitoring any elders or employees who may have come into contact with this elder. We have contacted public health officials and are following all recommendations provided by CMS and the Mississippi State Department of Health.

In addition, we have worked with the office of the State Epidemiologist to secure a group testing for Seashore Highlands to ensure the safety of all elders and employees in Assisted Living. Our original date has been postponed due to the current hurricane conditions. When we have that rescheduled, we will notify all elders and their family member of the change. We are actively monitoring all elders and employees for signs and symptoms of the virus. Should the need arise, symptomatic individuals will be tested immediately.

Please know that we have followed, and will continue to do so, all guidance set forth by state and federal officials for privacy, elder care, employee safety, and efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19. Please note that the MSDH defines an outbreak in long-term care facilities as a single positive case among elders or more than one case among employees over a 14-day period.

We encourage everyone to take every measure possible to slow the spread of this virus. Practice social distancing, wearing a mask, performing good hand sanitation and whenever possible, avoid being out in the general public. Our elders and employees are relying on you to help slow the spread of this virus.

As a reminder, we have created two ways to access campus COVID-19 updates. You can access campus specific updates by going to mss.org/Seashore and clicking on the COVID-19 Update Button. In addition, you can call this number, 662-844-8977 Ext. 219, and updates will be recorded there for you to listen to. We hope this helps keep you well informed. As always, you can reach out to our administrative office at Seashore Highlands for any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgement. ~ 2 Timothy 1:7