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To all of the Radcliff Veterans Center Family,

As everyone is probably aware, the nursing home population has been impacted in a very forceful way with the COVID-19 pandemic. We have been both fortunate and blessed here at RVC not to have any positive COVID-19 cases, either in our staff or in residents as of this date. That being said, part of Governor Andy Beshear's plan to move forward in this crisis is to have universal testing of all residents and staff of all of the Skilled Nursing Facilities within the Commonwealth of Kentucky done within the next two months. RVC has not yet been scheduled for this testing, but we will be scheduled for testing in the near future.

I will be notifying everyone once we receive our testing date. This testing will be done on-site over the course of 1-2 days. The results should be returned to us within a few days. These tests are not infallible, and there will be individuals who will test positive who may not actually have the disease. We already have plans in place to continue to care for all of our veterans here within the facility as long as we can provide the best care setting for the individual's needs. We also have plans for the orderly transfer of veterans who require more intensified care, should the need arise. Family will be notified of test results for their family members.

Please do not be alarmed about this testing process, as it is only part of the larger plan to keep our residents safe. We appreciate the fact that all of you have been very patient and understanding of all of the restrictions that we have needed to invoke. The restrictions are all done to provide for the safety of the veterans placed in our care.

We have also initiated an RVC COVID-19 Hotline, which is updated periodically with current information regarding RVC and the impact of COVID-19. That number is 270-352-6800.

If there are any questions, now or in the future, feel free to call RVC.

Sincerely,

Ed Thompson, Administrator

