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Hello Trousdale Friends and Family,

Next week, it will be nine months since the CDC announced the **1st U.S. case of novel coronavirus** in a traveler who returned from Wuhan, China. Ten days later, the World Health Organization issued a Declaration of Public Emergency. I don't think any of us realized the impact those events would have on our country, our state and our personal lives. Although we have learned much about this virus and ways to slow its spread, we still have much to learn.

California experienced a surge in COVID-19 cases over the summer, but is currently holding steady at a 2.6% positivity rate. Currently, The Trousdale has **zero residents and staff** test positive for COVID-19 within the last week. We have continued our mitigation strategies to minimize exposure and spread in our community, following guidance from the CDC, California Department of Public Health and the Department of Social Services. Additionally, these agencies are stressing the importance of receiving an influenza vaccine for our residents and dedicated team members, as both COVID-19 and the flu can severely affect the respiratory system.

The leadership team at The Trousdale continues to provide training and education to all employees on safety protocols to help minimize the spread of the virus, both at work and at home. We have adequate PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for our team members and maintain high infection-prevention practices at all times.

As we have been since the pandemic began, we are committed to notifying residents, staff and primary resident representatives if and when a resident or staff member tests positive for COVID-19. We

believe that honest and open communication is imperative during these unprecedented times.

We encourage you to access The Trousdale website at thetrousdale.org for the most up-to-date organization information. Also, CDC.gov is an excellent website to find the latest expert insights.

Thank you for your support and understanding as we continue to navigate through this ***“Next Normal.”***

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