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## To whom it may concern:

In accordance with newly enacted federal regulations, all long term care facilities have the responsibility to report all COVID-19 activity to residents, their representatives, and families. This means facilities must notify <u>all</u> residents in the facility, their representatives, and families, not just those who are suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19. Notification must include data when a confirmed COVID-19 case is identified or when three or more residents or staff have new onset of respiratory symptoms that occur within 72 hours of each other in the facility. Cumulative updates will be provided if other confirmed cases or clusters of three or more residents or staff with respiratory symptoms occur within 72 hours of each other, and at least weekly. The facility's mechanism of notification will occur through our nursing home website, which is accessible 24/7, 365 days per year. It can be accessed at:

## www.eriecounty.oh.gov/TheMeadowsatOsbornPark.aspx

If you are a resident and you have new onset respiratory symptoms, or have a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, you will be notified personally. If you are the responsible party and/or family member of an individual who has new onset respiratory symptoms, or who has a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, you will be notified privately via telephone notification.

Mitigating actions taken by the facility to prevent or reduce the risk of transmission will include, but may not be limited to:

- Droplet isolation precautions
- Respiratory Assessments with Vital Signs every Shift
- Replacement of staff source control universal surgical masks with N95 level masks
- Dedicated Consistent Care Assignments to the extent possible
- All residents eating in individual rooms maintaining 6 feet social distancing
- Residents wearing masks outside rooms and upon staff entering rooms to the extent possible

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the facility at 419-627-8733.

Respectfully,

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