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An Update on Our Response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19):

We're pleased to know that the FDA has approved emergency use of the coronavirus vaccine. This brings hope to ending the fight against the invisible virus. We are learning more about how and when the vaccine will be distributed to us. We anticipate beginning resident and staff vaccinations for our housing and Care Center campuses in January. MDH is using a phased approach to prioritize vulnerable populations. We do not know at this time how much of the vaccine we will receive and how quickly we can move through the phased process. The Minnesota Department of Health will continue to educate and inform us on their plans going forward.

Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 is one of the best ways to protect yourself and everyone around you, particularly those who are at increased risk for severe illness. Wearing masks and social distancing help reduce your chance of being exposed to the virus or spreading it to others, but these measures are not enough. The news of a vaccine gives us hope for a new chapter to our fight against this virus.

As of Wednesday, December 23, 2020, our current cases include:

Pelican Valley Care Center

Residents: No active cases

Staff: No active cases

Riverfront Manor

Residents: No active cases

Staff: No active cases

Riverfront on Main

Residents: No active cases

Staff: No active cases

Although guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) allows for visits with residents in our setting, there are specific criteria and recommendations that must be met to safely offer visitation with loved ones in our building. This includes but is not limited to the current status of COVID-19 in our building, and in our county, as well as other clinical and safety risk factors. At this time, we are unable to allow indoor visitation at Pelican Valley Senior Living due to our increased county positivity rate. We continue to evaluate our visitations status each week.

We closely follow all recommendations from various health agencies, including Ottertail County Public Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Minnesota Department of Health, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services among others.

The Minnesota Department of Health, has set up a free hotline for anyone who has questions about Coronavirus (COVID-19). Call the MDH hotline at: 1-651-201-3920. We will continue to provide updates to you to keep you informed of our ongoing work. Please note: This is a fluid situation and updates are

in continuous development. Help us keep family and loved ones informed by visiting our website: <http://pelicanvalleyseniorliving.org/coronavirus/> or visiting our secured resident and family website portal: <https://www.knutenelson.org/covid-19-communication-pelican-valley-senior-living>

*Health agencies providing recommendations to us include the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, World Health Organization, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, local medical advisors and public health advisors among others.