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Dear Residents & Families,

Good afternoon from The Villas, we hope you are doing well. Over the last few weeks, we have observed an alarming surge of COVID cases both here in Placer County and also across the state. It was only just days ago that Placer County slid back to being in the red tier and as of yesterday we are now in the purple tier which is the most severe in terms of restrictions. This is of course disappointing but it serves as a reminder that we need to be aware and exercise extreme caution going forward.

To that end we will be making some adjustments here at the community with respect to dining. At this time, we don't expect to close our dining room but we need to scale it down some and have seating be more sparce and create more distance between residents at meal times. Therefore, we will be removing some seating in the dining room temporarily to be extra cautious. Be advised that we may be called to close the dining room completely before too long but we want to keep it open for as long as we can.

Another area that I am compelled to address is with respect to visitation. As cases have continued to rise over the last several days, I am asking that residents and family members only visit the community if absolutely necessary. We are sensitive to the fact that the holidays are approaching and that this is a time of year that calls for family gatherings but we need to keep everyone safe. I also need to stress yet again that visits are limited to two people at a time, we have made exceptions here and there for a variety of reasons however going forward we will not be budging on this and we will only allow two people in per visit.

We are also asking that residents venturing out of the community take the same considerations and assess if their need for going out. We understand that your mental wellbeing can easily be compromised if your feeling isolated which is why we would like to again ask that you carefully evaluate the urgency and importance of venturing out. With Placer County now being in the purple tier, many businesses will be forced to conduct business outside but even if you are looking to visit with friends or family, we ask that you carefully assess the risk you pose to both yourself and your fellow residents if you are intending on leaving the community.

Yesterday I learned of an alarming statistic in that it took almost one-hundred days before the United States reached one-million confirmed COVID cases where as last week we climbed as a nation from five million to six million in only six days. If these trends continue you can expect that more restrictions will be forthcoming however we are not certain as to what that will look like just yet. I can tell you that we as a community have spent a lot of time, energy and resources to be prepared. Compared to where we were six months ago, we have bulked up on

our PPE supply by nearly two-thousand percent, we are conducting routine surveillance testing of twenty-five percent of our staff on a weekly basis and we have one of the most rigid screening processes for entry into the community compared to every other community around us. These precautionary measures are great and have proven to be effective but nothing will ever be as effective as cooperation and everyone working together to preserve what we have. As a reminder please continue to observe good hygiene, wash your hands as often as possible, maintain appropriate distancing from one another and please, please with sugar on top wear a mask.

Respectfully.

Grayson Tynes
Executive Director