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To residents, families or responsible parties, and staff of the Illinois Veterans Home at **Quincy**:

Since our last COVID-19 update there have been **five (5)** additional cases of COVID-19 among residents at our home, for a total of **seventy-five (75)** COVID-19 cases among residents since the start of the pandemic. To date, **thirty-eight (38)** residents have recovered from COVID-19. Unfortunately, **One (1)** resident who tested positive for COVID-19 has passed away since our last update, with **four (4)** residents total having passed away due to COVID-19 since the start of the pandemic.

Additionally, since our last COVID-19 update there have been **four (4)** additional cases of COVID-19 among employees at our home, for a total of **one hundred thirty-one (131)** COVID-19 cases among employees since the start of the pandemic. To date, **one-hundred and nine (109)** employees have recovered from COVID-19.

Our top priority is the health and safety of our military veterans and the heroic staff who care for them. We take this very seriously. We are following recommendations from local health officials, the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Illinois Department of Public Health to safeguard everyone at the facility. This includes continuing our health screenings and COVID-19 testing of staff and residents, maintaining social-distancing practices, wearing face masks, using gloves and gowns when indicated, and intensified cleaning and disinfection protocols. Residents continue to be encouraged to stay in their rooms to minimize movement within the facility. We are working with public health officials regarding possible quarantines and to ensure the full protection, testing, and care of anyone potentially exposed.

We are grateful to our team for remaining highly vigilant for signs or symptoms of COVID-19 and for being ready to respond swiftly, appropriately, and professionally to any potential cases.

We understand this news can be distressing, and we encourage you to contact your loved ones for mutual support of one another. Activities and social services staff continue to develop leisure activities, in accordance with social distancing practices, to care for the psychosocial wellbeing of our veterans. We promise to keep you informed as we do everything possible to keep our residents safe. Our military veterans and our wonderful home staff are strong and resilient people. With your continued support, we will get through this unprecedented time together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Troy Culbertson".

Troy Culbertson
Administrator