



April 8, 2020

Dear Stone Residents, Staff and Family Members,

Since it became clear COVID-19 was a serious public health risk, we have been taking aggressive steps to maintain the health of our community, relying on guidance from the MA Executive Office of Health and Human Services, MA Department of Public Health (DPH) and our Infection Control Nurse.

Unfortunately, despite these efforts, today I write to report there is now a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 in our community. We have informed that person's family, as well as DPH.

We are working closely with regional and campus leadership to follow our response plan and implement additional measures to help keep people safe. All of us continue to work around the clock to enhance our protocols during what is an extremely fluid situation to help keep all our residents and staff safe.

We continue to follow strict infection prevention and control protocols to minimize exposures, protocols developed in consultation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the DPH.

I want to extend special thanks to our staff members, who have risen to the occasion to support our residents and keep their lives as normal as possible.

As the number of cases of COVID-19 continues to rise throughout the state and testing becomes more widely available, it is possible other positive cases will be identified. We will do everything possible to keep you informed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call our Family Support Line at 508-422-1841 to leave a message so we may return your call.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Baker, *Executive Director*