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Dear Jeanne Jugan Community,

The Home continues with surveillance testing of all Residents and staff twice a week. The final results from Thursday's COVID testing were received today. All the results were negative for staff and Residents except for two Residents on our Assisted Living Unit. The Residents either have mild symptoms or no symptoms at all. A third AL Resident was identified using the rapid test.

Residents may receive the monoclonal antibody infusions (MABS) at the Home for COVID positivity and/or post-exposure. Many Residents who tested positive have received MABS. All Residents are staying on their respective units and receiving meals in their rooms by staff.

As noted, results from the laboratory are still taking much longer than expected which is a barrier to mitigating the spread of the virus. The RI DOH has acknowledged the issue. The temporary solution is to use rapid tests for surveillance on Thursdays instead of the PCR which is considered to be the most sensitive and specific test for identifying COVID 19 cases.

Our community continues to have a higher rate of cases than most counties in Rhode Island. We will continue to keep you updated with any changes.

Thank you for your patience and support.

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