**\*\*Template Notification to Residents, Representatives, and Family Members\*\***

**\*\*Please Tailor as Needed\*\***

**Format**: can be used as a letter on Company Letterhead, posted on a Listserv, posted on Company Website or Social Media, or Telephone Script

**DATE**

To Our Residents and Family Members:

We want to provide you with an update on the situation at **FACILITY NAME** regarding the novel coronavirus or COVID-19, including the number confirmed cases as well as efforts we are undertaking. The safety and wellbeing of our residents is our top priority. We are doing what we can to limit the spread of COVID-19 within **FACILITY NAME**.

**[FOR NURSING HOMES: INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE SHARED]**
Since May 8, 2020 (when the federal government issued reporting requirements), we have had **TOTAL NUMBER OF RESIDENTS AND STAFF** confirmed cases of COVID-19, **and/or** we have **NUMBER** clusters of three or more residents/staff with new onset of respiratory symptoms within 72 hours of each other.

Here is a more detailed update regarding the prevalence of COVID-19 in our **center/community**. As of **DATE**:

* **NUMBER** residents or staff have confirmed COVID-19. When a resident tests positive, we notify residents and their representative(s) of their condition and implement protocols for their care and treatment. We also follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), including return to work guidance, for staff who test positive.
* **NUMBER** residents and staff have recovered from COVID-19.
* **NUMBER** residents and staff have tested negative for COVID-19.
* It has been **NUMBER** days since a new resident or staff member has tested positive.

**FACILITY NAME** is staying in very close communication with local and state health officials to ensure we are taking all the appropriate steps under current circumstances. We are also following guidance from the CDC and CMS to reduce the spread and impact of COVID-19, such as:

* Enhanced infection control precautions
* Screening residents, staff, and essential visitors for symptoms
* Restricting visitation and entry of people to the building
* Testing staff and residents for COVID-19 based on current protocols and availability of tests
* Postponing or carefully limiting communal activities including social distancing and other infection control precautions
* **ADD ANY OTHER RELEVANT STEPS**

Due to government privacy requirements, we cannot divulge specific information about the individuals who have confirmed or suspected COVID-19, unless they are your family member and you have the necessary permissions to receive such information.

We know you are concerned about your loved one, but it is crucial that we restrict visitation to reduce the spread of this virus to others. We will contact you directly if your loved one is suspected or diagnosed with COVID-19.

We also understand that connecting with family members is incredibly important to our residents. Family members are encouraged to connect with their loved ones through video chat, calling, texting, or on social media. **ADD DETAILS ON HOW YOU CAN HELP FACILITATE THIS**

We need your help in battling COVID-19. Please visit the CDC website ([www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)) to learn how you can help prevent the spread in our community, since continued spread in the larger community increases the chance the virus will work its way into our building.

This is a difficult time for everyone. We will continue to provide you with updates. Please know that we are adhering to guidelines from the local and state health departments, which continue to evolve as we learn more about this virus.

We know that you may have questions and we encourage you to contact our center. Please call us at **NUMBER**,email us at **EMAIL**,or visit our website or listserv **INSERT DETAILS** for updates on the status of your loved one.

Sincerely,

**FACILITY POINT OF CONTACT NAME
TITLE**