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Hi All:

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We completed swabbing 146 residents and 38 staff today and all swabs have been marked and sent into the BCCDC for analysis. I expect that we may have some results tomorrow and all by the end of the day on Monday. I want to thank all of you for being ready and so cooperative. For 96% of you, there is no discomfort during the swabbing (for some reason, I am one of those lucky ones as it doesn't bother me at all) but for those last 4%, we really are sorry that you have discomfort with this. We have no choice, as you know and we sincerely appreciate every single resident and staff member for allowing us to test you with no resistance.

I don't want to jinx this, but I hope and pray that we will have 100% NEGATIVE results. I am pleased to tell you all that Dawn, our Nurse Manager, has tested NEGATIVE. She is probably just exhausted from working 14, 10 to 12 hour shifts in a row.

There is still discussion – and I encourage discussion on any topic, of course! – about whether we should just let this run its course and let the chips fall where they may. I will go into this in much more detail once this is over, but I just want to say that the government's concern isn't specific to not wanting people to get sick because they may suffer a terrible flu and may actually die. There is a much bigger picture to look at here. If this disease is permitted to “run amuck” and infect everyone, the hospitals will be inundated with patients and our entire health system will collapse. That means that people that have heart attacks, strokes, aneurisms, pulmonary embolisms, pneumonia, etc, will not be able to be treated and will die. Cancer patients are already experiencing huge delays in treatment, which could prove to be life threatening for them. Even in a setting like Harrison Pointe, if all of you got sick, we would also get sick and we wouldn't be able to take care of anyone and you couldn't be transferred to a hospital for care due to the collapse of the system. This is basically what happened in Quebec, resulting in a disaster. I applaud the provincial health officer for taking this so seriously!

So, it is important to understand that the desire to keep this disease at bay is not just to protect you from a possible serious illness or even fatality, it is also to protect our entire health system from collapse. And we all need to do our part.

Thank you so much for doing **your** part! We really and truly mean this from the bottom of our hearts! Good things ahead!

- Glenn & all staff

