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Dear all,

As promised, I'm writing to keep you informed of our COVID-19 status at St Joseph's as we continue to implement our Outbreak Management Plan.

Unfortunately, another resident in our East Wing tested positive to COVID-19 on Saturday. Residents who were in contact with that resident have been tested and to date have returned negative results. A resident who previously tested positive is now recovering well.

As a result of this new case, we are closely monitoring all residents and staff for symptoms. We have rostered on more staff in the East Wing during this time, and they are all wearing full PPE. We have a well-stocked supply of this equipment and we are following all correct procedures.

We have been assigned a case manager and are following the advice of NSW Health, who we are in contact with at least once a day. Our Management Team continues to meet daily to discuss our plan and response. We are being proactive in an effort to keep our residents, staff and the wider community as safe as possible. We're conducting regular COVID-19 testing of staff right across the facility, and residents will also be tested if it is considered necessary.

Our lovely residents on the East Wing continue to adapt well to the temporary changes we've implemented. We thank them and our families for their support and understanding.

Despite the new COVID-19 case at St Joseph's, we are going ahead with the Booster Clinic on-site on Tuesday. All of our staff, and the vast majority of residents, are already vaccinated, and these booster shots will provide an added level of protection for our community.

I will continue to keep you informed about the situation here at St Joseph's.

Your sincerely,

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