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Dear All,

I'm touching base with you again to provide an update on the COVID-19 situation at St Joseph's.

Unfortunately, another staff member from our East Wing, an Assistant in Nursing, has tested positive for the virus. They last worked at the facility on Tuesday, 25th of January, and are now isolating and recovering at home. We have since tested all staff, who returned negative RAT results. Residents will continue to be closely monitored for symptoms.

As previously communicated, other recent cases at St Joseph's have included a staff member from Mary's Grange and two residents in East Wing. All of those patients are recovering well.

We are continuing to implement our Outbreak Management Plan, working closely with NSW Health to ensure all the correct procedures are in place. Staff are wearing full PPE, and extra staff have been rostered on to help during this current COVID-19 situation. We held a successful Booster Clinic earlier in the week, with more than 20 residents and staff receiving an extra vaccination.

Our Management Team meets daily to ensure all necessary actions are undertaken quickly and effectively, with a view to minimising the risk to staff and residents.

I would like to take a moment to sincerely thank our amazing staff here at St Joseph's, who are working around the clock to ensure our lovely residents receive the very best care. They are doing incredible work in a difficult situation, and we are very grateful for their efforts.

Please rest assured that, as always, the safety of our residents and staff remains our highest priority.

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

Your sincerely,

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