To Mount Alverna Village Residents and Family Members:

UGENT NOTICE: We wanted to provide you with an update we received from the Ohio Assisted Living Association (OALA). Effectively immediately there is a “temporary” cessation of all COVID-19 saliva testing due to a significant number of “false positive” results that have been received across the state of Ohio. Due to the number of “false positive” results that are being reported, Mount Alverna Village is retesting the residents that tested positive recently, to discover if these were false positive results. The first retest we did on the two Ancora memory support residents who tested positive with the saliva testing have been retested with a different method of testing and their results were NEGATIVE. We are still awaiting the results of the other repeat tests, but we wanted to get this information out to you quickly.

Clearly false positive tests create enormous strain and fear amongst residents, family members and associates. As we continue to follow the mandated guidelines for testing, we will pray that the tests have valid results that we can all feel comfortable with. Obviously, this news by the Governor is troubling on one hand, but welcome in the sense that we now know that those residents were, in fact, not infected. Please know that we will continue to keep you apprised of any new recommendations that come out.

Moving forward, we will have both Ancora and Assisted Living tested when the remaining of the Mount Alverna Village Campus is tested by the Ohio National Guard.

Although this seems like a setback, these types of inconsistencies, with regards to testing, are sometimes common. Governor DeWine additionally has made a statement that there will be a very short, temporary pause until results from controlled studies are available. Please note though that original the order from the Department of Health for assisted living resident testing is still in effect and there currently are no additional guidelines that have been issued at this time.

As always, we want to again thank you for all your words of support and encouragement as we continue our infection prevention protocols to ensure the safety of our residents, family members and associates. They are very much appreciated by the Mount Alverna Village associates and residents.

We appreciate your continued patience as we all navigate these waters together to ensure the safety of our residents and associates.

Sincerely,

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