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Vista Woods has been testing its staff twice weekly for the past months. There was one staff that did test positive today for COVID-19 with on-site testing. The results of a secondary test will be sent to the State Hygienic Lab to be confirmed. That employee will remain in isolation at home for ten days prior to returning to work.

Residents in the area which this employee worked will also be assessed daily and tested for the virus. We continue to follow the recommendations of Local and State Public Health officials, the CDC and other Federal guidelines. We have an ample supply of personal protective equipment for our employees and residents. We are also taking steps internally to normalize the lives of our residents with some small group activities and dining. Visitation is remaining restricted. After doing a risk and benefit assessment, a cosmetologist is doing hair now. All of these steps are important for our resident's well-being and dignity. It has been nearly nine months of dealing with this pandemic and expect it to go on for several more weeks.

A COVID-19 vaccination is expected to reach us soon and expecting Walgreen's pharmacy to assist us with this as soon as the week of December 28. It will be available to all residents and staff that consent. A facility staff member should be in contact with resident responsible parties soon regarding this option which is expected to save many lives.

Outbreaks continue throughout the area and we ask all individuals to be diligent with safe practices both here and in the community. We wish to thank our residents, their families, and the community for their support. Thank you and thanks to all healthcare workers.