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Vista Woods remains transparent with any COVID-19 status changes within the facility and community. Today, an employee and a contracted staff member tested positive for COVID-19 during routine testing. Neither of the individuals had any noticeable signs or symptoms. We will continue to test all residents and staff twice weekly for the next two weeks.

The community transmission level for COVID-19 remains high in Wapello County. We do work closely with Public Health.

The FDA has just authorized a new COVID-19 vaccination. This new vaccination is more like the Flu shot which is bi-valent vaccination that will provide an immunized response that is broadly effective against COVID-19 and components in common with the omicron variants BA.4 and BA.5.

We are expecting that this new vaccine will be available to us in mid to late September, and plan on having a vaccination clinic through our pharmacy in the upcoming weeks. Facility staff will be reaching out to our residents, or their families, for consent to this COVID-19 booster. Recommendations are to get this shot after two months from any previous COVID-19 vaccination.

We also are approaching the influenza season and will be reaching out for consent to an annual influenza vaccine.

Thank you for your continued support, stay safe, and please feel free to call us with any questions or concerns.