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Cases of COVID-19, the illness resulting from the novel coronavirus, have been diagnosed at our Eben Ezer community. The affected neighbors are in quarantine in our cluster neighborhood. In order to protect the privacy of our neighbors, identifying information and medical records will not be released to the public. We have notified public health officials as required and are following procedures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. We are taking every step as recommended by authorities to contain the spread. We want to make neighbors, their families, and our dedicated staff aware of this situation and reassure everyone that we are on top of it. Developments are changing day by day, minute by minute. Our focus remains on the health and well-being of our community. We must also recognize our team for the concern and commitment they have shown to our neighbors during this challenging time. Our mission has never been more meaningful.

Eben Ezer, the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE), Northeast Colorado Health Department and partnering agencies are working diligently to ensure ill patients are receiving appropriate care and measures are being taken to limit further spread of disease. Proactive efforts are focused on identifying, isolating and testing all of those who may be at risk.

“Eben Ezer has notified our neighbors, families and team members of the current situation. We began restricting visitors to the campus on March 11<sup>th</sup> with full restriction put into effect March 13<sup>th</sup> to protect the health of the residents and health care workers at our community. We have tested 7 of our neighbors for COVID-19 of which 6 came back positive. Prior to this incident and ongoing, we have been following all CMS, CDC and state and local health department guidelines concerning COVID-19. Our team members have been and will continue to be screened when they arrive to work, including checking temperature, to ensure no additional sickness is brought into our buildings. If they have a fever over 100.4 they are sent home and asked to contact their primary care physician. Our team members are being diligent on practicing proper hand washing and the use of personal protective equipment. All staff have received recurring education on these practices,” says Shelly Griffith, Eben Ezer CEO.

Eben Ezer is not the first long term care community in the state to have a confirmed case. We need your help in battling this virus, we ask our larger community to continue to adhere to the Stay at Home order. Thank you all for your support and assistance as we work to combat the spread of this virus.

Eben Ezer will continue to monitor and adhere to the recommendations set forth by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). We are proud of our positive reputation in the community we serve and provide our senior adults the quality care and services they deserve and expect from us. We will continue to provide updates regularly to our Eben Ezer community. For more information, please contact Shelly Griffith at 970-842-2861, ext 9212.

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