[Facility Letterhead or Name]

**MEDIA STATEMENT**

**[Date]**

Our facility appreciates the interest in the COVID-19 status of our residents. We can confirm that we do have staff and/or residents who have tested positive, or who are deemed positive, for COVID-19.

Please note that out of respect to those impacted and, in accordance with privacy laws, we will not be sharing any details regarding the positive cases publicly.

When these cases first developed, we notified our residents and their families, and we immediately involved the appropriate authorities. We continue to work with our local and state departments of health to monitor our active cases, and we have a plan in place to try to limit additional exposures. Our plan includes continuing our no visitor policy, enhanced health screening of residents and staff, and other measures informed by guidance from federal agencies, such as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

We know that this crisis is particularly challenging for our residents and their families. We empathize with their feelings of separation and vulnerability, and we want to thank them for their ongoing support and trust. The positive energy they provide to us every day is invaluable.

We also want to thank and acknowledge our heroic staff. While many people are staying home during this crisis, our staff show up every day to do the essential work of caring for our vulnerable residents with dedication and purpose for the greater good.

Thank you as well to our broader community for your concern for the well-being of our residents and our staff. It means so much to us to have the backing of our community at this difficult time.

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