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To whom it may concern,

As many of you have probably heard through different media outlets, the country is facing the spread of a new emerging virus called the Coronavirus or COVID-19. The Sauk County Health Care Center has implemented policies and procedures to help prevent the spread of this virus.

As of today there are four countries listed as a category 3 risk level, meaning there is widespread of the virus in these countries. Those countries are China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea. In order to best protect your loved ones, we are requesting your assistance and help with our efforts to prevent/contain the virus at the Sauk County Health Care Center.

We will be screening all visitors for illness and travel history. We ask that even if you do not present with any respiratory symptoms (cough, sore throat, nasal congestion, fever, or chills), but have traveled internationally in the last 14 days, to please be screened by a member of the nursing team prior to visiting your loved one. If you have been exposed to another individual that is suspected of having COVID-19 or has confirmed COVID-19, you will be restricted from visiting.

We are requesting your assistance in educating your families and encouraging them not to visit if they are having respiratory symptoms or meet any of the criteria listed above. While we are on high alert for this new virus that has emerged, the state of Wisconsin is at peak Influenza season, which poses a severe risk to the population served at the Sauk County Health Care Center. Our goal is to spread the word, not the germs.

Respectfully,

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