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### Aase Haugen COVID19 update

I took my troubles to the Lord; I cried out to him, and he answered my prayer. ~ Psalm 120:1

“Aase Haugen staff, residents and families have spent many hours in prayer since the coronavirus outbreak was declared at the facility. Today, we are feeling hopeful that we have passed the worst of this outbreak and that we are moving toward a better future,” says Orson Bauder, Aase Haugen administrator. “We move forward with positive intentions, heavy hearts for those who are no longer with us, and extreme caution as we continue to work to protect the health of our residents and staff.”

Aase Haugen numbers have remained steady over the last week of testing and are as follows:

- Total number of residents who have tested positive: 26
- Total number of residents who have recovered: 21
- Total number of staff who have tested positive: 19
- Total number of staff who have recovered: 15

In addition, 39 residents and 79 staff have tested negative to date. Since the outbreak began, four deaths have been confirmed to coronavirus related. Please note that statistics posted by Aase Haugen may differ from the IDPH or other sources due to different reporting timeframes.

Staff wear personal protective equipment and positive residents and other residents awaiting test results or those showing signs or symptoms are isolated or quarantined. Aase Haugen will be re-testing residents and staff periodically in the coming days and weeks. All staff are screened when they enter the building and when they leave the building for any signs for symptoms, and nurses working here from outside organizations are required to provide the results of a COVID19 test before entering the building.

Reminder: outdoor visits, floral deliveries, and the delivery of items such as food and clothing dropped off by families are suspending at this time. Postal deliveries will continue to be accepted. Aase Haugen encourages families and friends to connect with residents by using video chat, calling, or window visits; please call the activities department at 563-382-3603 to arrange a time for a visit.

As a social ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA), and governed by 23 local Christian congregations, we thank you for your continued prayers and support.

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