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Dear Residents, Families and Team Members of Bellaire at Stone Port,

This letter is to inform our families, residents, and team members that we have been notified of a potential Norovirus outbreak among our Assisted Living and Memory Care communities. We have reported these cases to the Department of Social Services and to the Virginia Department of Health. The Virginia Department of Health has recommended that we continue to monitor all residents for signs or symptoms and encourage all ill residents to remain in their apartments.

We have posted a notice at the front entrance to inform anyone who enters the community of the risk of contracting the virus when in the community. We have suspended communal dining and group activities for the next 7 days. Residents are encouraged to continue wearing masks when outside of their apartments and practice handwashing often with soap and water. Thank you for your patience and understanding. We will continue to communicate any updates or changes to each of our residents, their families and team members.

Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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About Norovirus:

Norovirus causes inflammation of the stomach or intestines. This is called acute gastroenteritis. A person usually develops symptoms 12 to 48 hours after being exposed to norovirus and usually include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and stomach cramping. Sometimes, people also develop a low-grade fever, chills, headache, muscle aches, and/or a general sense of tiredness. The illness is usually brief, with symptoms lasting one to two days. A more prolonged course of illness may last four to six days in elderly persons or those who have been hospitalized.

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