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Dear Eskaton Friends & Family,

We are into August and the COVID pandemic is still affecting all of our day-to-day lives. Across California and most of the country, the number of cases in the month of July was the highest for any month of the pandemic. Our own experience of positive cases in Eskaton communities followed a similar trend.

Public Health restrictions on visitation and infection control practices have helped keep individual cases at manageable levels, and have clearly kept the spread of cases at a minimum. As we near the end of summer, we anticipate a new set of challenges when school resumes and our employees with children deal with distance learning. Our intent is to be as flexible as possible to accommodate their needs while maintaining the staffing necessary at our communities to meet the needs of residents.

Safety and isolation have been our two primary challenges to balance over the past five months. At this point, I think everyone accepts that the pandemic will be with us for a considerable time yet, so safety protocols will remain until the curve flattens and state and local agencies are able to relax some of the restrictions around visitation and gatherings. Keeping residents connected with family, and engaged with activities and socialization are emphasized at every community.

The phrase “we are all in this together” has never been more true. Residents, families, and employees have all relied on one another to cope with the month after month disruption and upheaval to our normal lives.

Thank you all for the role you have played in supporting our efforts to care for everyone in the Eskaton family.

Please contact the Executive Director for community specific rules and conditions.

Best wishes and stay well,

Todd Murch, CEO