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Text of Blast Call Notification to all resident families and employees via VoiceFriend.

Hello. It's Bill Bogdanovich, from Broad Reach. Our key statistics this week are as follows:

- There continue to be no confirmed cases of COVID-19 among our patients, residents or staff.
- One resident was tested based on symptoms. Two others were tested for medical appointment or discharge planning screenings. Results of one have returned (negative); the other two, in addition to three from the week prior, are pending from the lab.
- Although 158 results from the staff baseline testing have been received. that still leaves 80, or about one-third, without results yet. All of the results we have received are negative, and we are told that the rest should be in hand by the end of the weekend. Delays in lab results are national news of late, so we're just part of the insufficient infrastructure that remains such a challenge.
- Despite the absence of so many results, we do begin another cycle of required surveillance testing. We have engaged [www.MicroGenx.com](http://www.MicroGenx.com), a lab in Texas, which will test saliva rather than the nasal swabs, and all test samples will be collected on site, reducing the operational impact on staff to get to test sites and pretty much enable them to be tested during their scheduled workdays. There are also no indications of supply shortages from this lab, and results are returned within 72 hours. So hopefully, we've found something better.
- Finally, many of you have perhaps heard about a cluster outbreak linked to restaurant workers in Chatham. It is reported that the common thread is a party attended by these folks, where social distancing and mask use was pretty limited. I hope it serves as a reminder to us that our carefulness must extend to social activities, and how it doesn't take much to create serious problems. The Commonwealth is announcing new travel and quarantine restrictions today, and our hope is that the resurgences being experienced in other parts of the country can be avoided here. Surely this will require our further patience on issues closer to home, such as more liberal visitation and communal activities, but it does seem prudent not to rush anything right now.

We will keep you posted on what we hope will be final results of the staff baseline testing. As always, you may leave general questions on COVID-19 for us via email [info@broadreachhealth.org](mailto:info@broadreachhealth.org).

Have a good weekend.