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Members of the Homewood Family;

While the coronavirus continues to be a serious threat to our residents and co-workers, I am pleased to report our last resident receiving COVID-related care has been released from isolation on our COVID unit. Of course, a new case could develop at any time. But let's take this opportunity to celebrate the hard work of Homewood's co-workers and the patience of our residents and their families. This is also another opportunity to thank all of those who have prayed for us, supported us and guided us through these past few months. Together, we have fought the good fight and continue to be focused on fully achieving Homewood's mission.

Looking ahead, the course is not certain. While the virus has been supplanted in the headlines by the recent protests, it continues to be a particularly dangerous threat to our residents and co-workers. Federal and state officials continue to provide changing directives and guidance. Because we are now shifting more attention to reopening our communities – and these plans differ among our communities – my weekly updates will conclude with this one. Our local executive directors will continue to communicate updates regularly. In addition, we will continue to update our Homewood.com/Coronavirus webpage and monitor our COVID hotline and email.

As I wrap up my series of weekly updates, I want to leave you with a passage of scripture that particularly touched my heart this week. Watching the news has, at times, left me confused and even bitter. We are living together through a dark time. I hope the following words encourage your heart as they did mine.

“Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.” Romans 12:9-18, NKJV

In your service,

Thad Rothrock
President & CEO