Town of Sandwich, MA- COVID 19 Command Team is appreciative of the leadership shown by Cape Heritage Rehabilitation and Health Care Center. On Saturday April 18, 2020, the Command Team and Cape Heritage received notification of a single COVID-19 positive case at its Sandwich facility of an allied health employee. The positive case is isolating at home. In coordination with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) and its Novel Coronavirus guidance for Residential and Congregate Care Programs, and Cape Heritage will expedite testing for all employees and residents on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 with the assistance of the Massachusetts National Guard.

Cape Heritage is licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health but has been in close contact daily with the COVID-19 Command Team as it implemented preventative and response measures including a no visitor policy since March, daily census of available beds and reinforcing use of personal protective equipment for employees and staff. For more information about the COVID-19 testing results please follow the Department of Public Health’s dashboard at [https://www.mass.gov/doc/covid-19-dashboard-april-20-2020/download](https://www.mass.gov/doc/covid-19-dashboard-april-20-2020/download). Family members or loved ones of residents are encouraged to contact the Cape Heritage through its COVID-19 update page [https://athenahealthcare.com/covid-19-information/](https://athenahealthcare.com/covid-19-information/). If you are a close contact of any individual testing COVID-19 positive you will be contacted by a representative of the Board of Health. If you are not contacted, you are not a close contact.

We can all continue to play an important role to stop the spread of this virus. Please continue social distancing, cover your face when in public and maintain good hygiene practices. We remind you that the Sandwich Board of Health has ordered all essential employees to wear facial coverings and that consumers and the public are strongly encouraged to cover their face when in public.

Please Stay Safe and Stay Home

- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes.
- Social Distance when you must be out for essential purposes.

Thank you.