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Dear Residents, Staff Members, Families and Powers of Attorney,

The following is an update regarding mold abatement progress and prevention efforts at the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park.

I am pleased to inform you that all work is complete in the Independence Wing and the newly finished rooms are ready for residents. Our staff is reaching out to residents, family members and those designated by powers of attorney to discuss resident preferences and timelines.

Environmental Design, Inc. (EDI) collected air samples from Old Glory Rooms 605, 607, 612 and 614 and the adjoining bathrooms. The samples were collected from these rooms after abatement treatment was completed and while portions of the interior of the walls remained exposed. EDI reports that these final air clearance samples collected are deemed acceptable. Per EDI, total spore counts resulting from these samples can be considered low per industry standards. EDI further reported that the types and quantities of spores reported from the samples do not reflect an unusual mold condition.

Active Environmental Technologies, Inc. continued abatement treatment and repairs within the Old Glory and Stars and Stripes wings. Fixture work, facility maintenance and cleaning is taking place in Freedom Wing.

Please contact me at <u>lisa.kranis@dmava.nj.gov</u> to share any additional questions or concerns. If you have concerns, please provide us with specific details, such as room numbers, so that we can look into the matter.

Regards,

Lisa Kranis, LNHA, MPA, CDP Chief Executive Officer