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NMG takes additional safety measures following today's CDC declaration of Aroostook County as a 'High Positivity' zone for COVID-19

EAGLE LAKE, Maine (Dec. 10, 2020) – As of today, all residential facilities operated by Northern Maine General have cancelled all community activities and have discontinued all in-house visitations with the exception of visits for end-of-life care.

Northern Maine General CEO Michelle Raymond called for these measures, and additional ones, following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's declaration that lab data – as of today - is showing Aroostook County as having a "High Positivity" rate. The higher rate means that Maine CDC now requires congregate homes and nursing care facilities to adhere to stricter limitations in order to slow the rate of the deadly respiratory disease.

Aroostook County COVID-19 metrics, compiled for the last 14 days and released today by Maine CDC, indicate a lab positivity rate of 4.8%, with three outbreaks being investigated. Penobscot County has the same rate. Only three other Maine counties have a higher positivity rate than Aroostook and Penobscot. Androscoggin lab data indicates 5.7 % positive; York, 6%; and Oxford, 7.1%.

Questions about changes at NMG should be directed to the specific facility's administrator at 444-5152. Employees and affected consumers are in the process of receiving notice.

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Northern Maine General is a nonprofit social services organization serving Aroostook County, with business offices in Eagle Lake and Caribou. Founded in 1907, NMG provides long-term care, rehabilitation, home and community supports, behavioral health services, case management, and consultation services and resources. Contracted services include subsidized apartments.

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