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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.

Active Environmental Technologies, Inc. continued abatement treatment and repairs within the Freedom, Independence, and Stars and Stripes wings. Liberty Wing resident rooms 440, 442, 447, 449, 451, 453 and adjoining bathrooms, as well as Eagle Wing resident rooms 547, 549, 551, 553 and their adjoining bathrooms, are ready for painting.

Environmental Design, Inc. (EDI) collected air samples from Freedom Wing rooms 144, 251, 253 and the adjoining bathroom. 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 acceptable and the mold spore count is low per industry standards. EDI further reported that the types and quantities of spores from the samples do not reflect an unusual mold condition. The rooms are ready for any additional repair work needed prior to the installation of new drywall and fresh paint.

Please contact me at lisa.kranis@dmava.nj.gov 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Kranis".

Lisa Kranis, LNHA, MPA, CDP
Chief Executive Officer