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Alpena County Emergency Operations Center, District Health Department No. 4 and
Medilodge of Alpena

Medilodge of Alpena, like numerous long-term care providers throughout the nation, is battling the COVID-19 pandemic and caring for positively-tested residents as well as our remarkable employees. The staff has been amazing during the pandemic. Their resilience and dedication to the mission of taking care of those individuals in need of healthcare assistance show every day in their deep and sincere compassion for the elderly. While many in healthcare are experiencing significant staff interruptions, the team at Medilodge of Alpena stands committed.

Medilodge of Alpena is committed to serving the needs of the local community. The facility has no plans to bring COVID-positive residents from downstate or to become a recognized regional. We prepared in advance for the outbreak knowing that we would need to address the needs of local residents in the recovery cycle of the disease process. The community, for most parts, has been understanding and supportive of our mission. We have recently erected a temporary structure and, with local business support, have equipped this with supplies to allow our staff to have meaningful breaks outside of the facility. Many other local businesses are donating various supplies to the residents and meals for the staff. We are humbled with the outpouring of generosity. Due to strict confidentiality laws, we will not release specifics about our residents or staff during their recovery from COVID-19.

Our valued partnership with the Alpena County Emergency Operations Center and District Health Department No. 4 has full transparency during the crisis. The facility has the necessary supplies and personal protective equipment as well as talented, trained professional staff to meet the complex clinical needs of our residents. We are extremely proud of our dedicated staff that step up every day to meet this challenge head on and do not shy away from meeting the needs of the residents during this pandemic.