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TO: **All Media Sources**
FROM: **Allegany County Department of Health**
RE: **Positive Cases Update from Houghton Nursing Home**
DATE: **October 22, 2020**

Please release this information as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation. If you have any questions or need more information, please send the request in writing to me at mooretk@alleganyco.com or by fax at 585-268-9264.

News Release:

The Allegany County Department of Health (ACDOH) was notified of the current status of the Houghton Rehabilitation and Nursing Center residents and staff that are positive for COVID-19. The ACDOH has been given an updated total of 38 positive residents and 8 positive staff members. It is with a heavy heart that we report to our residents and community that 6 additional deaths were reported associated with this facility. This is in addition to the two deaths reported on October 14, 2020, and our deepest sympathy and condolences go out to the affected families.

The Houghton Rehabilitation and Nursing Center has been very cooperative in helping us identify and trace contacts to the additional positive cases. They also continue to assist the New York Department of Health (NYSDOH). NYSDOH oversees all COVID-19 cases in healthcare facilities throughout New York State.

ACDOH continues to identify, notify, and monitor all identified contacts of these cases. If you are named as a contact to any of these cases, you will be notified by phone, and given information on quarantine, symptoms to look for, and procedures you must follow to keep you, your family, friends, and neighbors safe from COVID-19. Our office will continue to keep you updated as this situation evolves.

If you have questions about a family member residing at the facility, we recommend you call Houghton Rehabilitation and Nursing Center directly at (585)567-2207. If you have general COVID-19 questions, you may also call the Allegany County Department of Health at (585)268-9250 for more information

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