**Template News Release – Coronavirus Preparation**

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**[Insert ORGANIZATION NAME] PREPARES FOR POSSIBLE CASES OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

[Insert Organization Name] located in [Insert City] is actively preparing for possible cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19). While there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Minnesota as yet, and much about the virus is still unknown, we do know that the population we serve – older persons with underlying medical conditions – are at greater risk for the most serious forms of infection associated with this new disease.

“The health and wellness of our residents/tenants and the caregiving teams who support them is our number one priority,” said [Insert Name/Title]. “We are staying abreast of the latest information from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and we are working with state and local public health and emergency preparedness officials to strengthen our preparation for a possible outbreak of Coronavirus.”

[Insert Organization Name] is also educating staff, residents and families on symptom awareness for COVID-19 and have clear protocols for staff to stay home and not come to work if they are ill or symptomatic. “We also advise that visitors, vendors and others who may come in contact with our residents avoid visits to our community if they are feeling ill themselves or have come in contact with someone who is being screened for possible COVID-19 infection,” said [Insert Name]. “These precautions are vital to helping us avoid and minimize the possible spread of this virus.”

Detailed and specific plans already in place for a wide range of emergencies are being updated and evaluated as new information becomes available, and we are working closely with other health care providers in our community to help ensure the health and safety of all.

As we navigate this challenge, we remain focused on providing exceptional care and services for our residents/tenants.

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**About [Insert Organization Name]**

[Include a description of your organization—how long you have been serving your community, the services you provide, how many individuals you employ, your mission, etc.]