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Hello Families,

This is a letter to keep you updated on things at St. Francis Rehab and Nursing Center. I am committed to keep you informed as things change here. Presently, we have no positive cases of Covid 19 in our center. There have been a number of staff members who have been tested and no staff members have been found positive also. We are waiting for the results to come back for one staff member. We are doing everything we can to keep it out of our building.

I thought it would be good to share with you some of the different activities that we are doing with our residents. Some of the favorite things that the residents love are the activities we are doing in the hallway. Each resident who participates in the activity sits in the Lilac Lane Hallway. They are wearing their cloth masks and they are at least 6 feet from one another. We use a megaphone to speak to the residents so that they can hear us. We have done hallway Bingo, Pokeno, Trivia and also sing alongs. They really love all of this. Of course the favorite is Bingo. We also bring individualized positive news packets and puzzle packets to the residents. They also enjoy these things. We are doing more one on one visits with them in general and getting them out for fresh air as much as possible. Another favorite thing that our residents really love is the window visits. This is a great joy to them to see their loved ones and talk with you through the window on the phone.

We are excited to share with you a special event that we are planning for Mother's Day. This is highlighted in another letter that you will be receiving.

We continue using cloth masks for our residents. The NH Public Health Department has requested that cloth masks be used on our residents while we are providing care for them and when they are out of their rooms. We have gotten many beautiful sewn masks delivered for use for our residents. We are very thankful for all of those who have donated these for us. As staff members we continue to wear disposable masks for all of our employees. The purpose of the masks is to have all of us keep our germs to ourselves. We are learning more about this virus and we know that it can be spread to others without showing any symptoms.

I also want to remind you that we are prohibiting any non-essential items to come in to the residents as we know that the virus can live on objects for a short period of time and do not want to take the chance that it could be spread in this way. All laundry will be done by our laundry staff here. Please do not bring items to the residents as they will be refused. This also includes florist deliveries.

We are taking some new admissions but only after careful screening and a negative Covid 19 test. We are also placing our new residents on 14 days of quarantine to be sure that we do not spread anything to other residents.

While we know this is an incredibly challenging time for you and your family, please be assured that we remain committed to the care and support of your loved one here at St. Francis. Their safety, health and well-being remain our firm commitment.

We want to make sure that you are aware of the tablets that we have for you and your loved ones to connect to one another electronically. If you have any questions about this or have not yet taken advantage of this, please call Tasha Belair, Director of Social Services at 603-524-0466 ext. 313.

All programs and services at St. Francis remain fully operational and your loved one continues to receive the highest level of care.

We will continue to keep you updated as time goes on.

God bless,

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Administrator

