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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 this week and no staff members have been found positive also. We are waiting for the results to come back for two staff members. We had one resident tested this week and this test was negative. We are doing everything we can to keep it out of our building.

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. This also includes no florist deliveries. If there is an essential item that you would like to bring for your loved one it needs to be in a sealed container that we can disinfect and leave in our entry way for a period of time before bringing in the facility.

I wanted to send you some updates regarding the upcoming Mother's Day Parade that will take place on Sunday, May 10th. There has been a number of employees who have worked on this event and we are really looking forward to it. After speaking with the Laconia Police Department, the new starting location for the parade will be at the Stafford Oil Company, at 231 Court St. Please gather there at 10 am, and from there the parade will proceed to Saint Francis, led by a police car. We would like to again say that you are more than welcome to decorate your vehicle and bring signs to wave at your family members! You are also welcome to slow down while passing by, but please do not stop your vehicle. We also request that no trailers are attached to your vehicle and that nothing is in tow.

As a reminder, no parking will be available for families before or during the parade, and no window visits will be conducted until 1 pm that day. Please do feel free to call us to arrange a window visit after 1 pm!

We also have had some questions about a rain date. A final decision about when the rain date will take place will be made on Friday, May 8th. When the rain date is determined, we will notify family members.

Finally, we ask that you RSVP with a yes or a no by Thursday, May 7th. This will very much help us with the organization of the event.

Thank you all so much, and we look forward to seeing you there!

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.

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

