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Dear Residents, Tenants, Family Members and Employees,

We have some good news this week which is that our test results all came back negative and the NH Public Health Department has put us back to Phase 1 as we have now had two rounds of all negative tests. This means that we can start some communal dining with residents and communal activities with social distance and masks. We also had a vaccine clinic this past Wednesday and many of our residents were able to have their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

It is with a heavy heart that I share that we have had 1 additional resident pass this last week since I wrote you last. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their family during this painful time. We no longer have any residents hospitalized for COVID-19. We continue to be in contact with Catholic Charities New Hampshire Healthcare Services, as well as New Hampshire Public Health Department for guidance.

We will resume surveillance testing this coming week which means all of our employees will be tested twice per week. All employees will wear N95 mask, face shield or goggles.

I would also like to express thanks to you all for the kind words and notes that I have heard from you in recent days. I have done my best to pass these along to our employees. We have a bulletin board that we have posted these for the employees to read.

Please know that family, friends or staff, cannot bring any items to your loved ones at this time. We are doing our best to notify family members of any changes in their condition. At this point we will not be making daily calls but you may call in a talk with the nurses to get an update on your loved one.

I would like to remind you to please continue to wear your masks when you are in public, practice social distancing when you have to go out. Please be mindful, that our Lakes region and Belknap County is in the red zone for positive cases, which means we are highly susceptible at this time to this vicious virus. This is so important for your own safety as well as the safety of your family. We need to be the examples for others. Thank you very much.

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 will continue to keep you updated as time goes on.

God bless and with sincerity,

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Administrator

