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Dear Residents, Tenants, Family Members and Employees,

It has been a good week overall this past week. We seem to be settling in to new routines, enjoying the changes that have been put in place in the last several weeks based on our newest guidelines.

We have received all of our results back from our most recent testing and all the tests came back negative. We are only testing once per month and will test again at the end of June. We are only testing our employees who have not been vaccinated for Covid 19. If we have any employee with symptoms than we are required to test them. If we have any positive tests that we go back into response testing. The covid 19 transmission rates have also gone down in our county so employees are no longer required to wear goggles or face shields.

As part of our screening process visitors will be asked if they have been vaccinated. They are not required to provide proof of the vaccine. Vaccinated visitors and vaccinated residents may visit without masks and may be in close contact with one another. Masks are still required in the hallways to and from rooms or the front living room where most visits will continue to take place. In any instance where both vaccinated and unvaccinated staff, residents, or visitors are present, all those present must wear masks and those that are not vaccinated must socially distance from one another. Compassionate care visits in residents' rooms will continue as they have been. **It is important that you schedule visits at least 24 hours in advance. We are still required to do the prescreening per CMS and the NH Public Health guidelines.** Please continue to call Mindy to schedule your visits at ext. 330. We are working on a way to schedule your visit on line through our website. We will let you know when this can happen. We hope to have this option in the near future.

Residents who have their meals in the dining rooms and participate in group activities are not required to wear masks if everyone in the room is fully vaccinated. Social distancing will no longer be required as well. If any resident or employee in the room is not vaccinated then everyone in the room will be required to put on their masks and those who are not vaccinated must socially distance from the others. Residents and staff members will still be required to wear their masks in the hallways.

Residents are permitted to go on car rides with family members and visit in family members homes. The guidance around this is that the residents and family members should be vaccinated. We ask that you call 24 hours in advance for prescreening questions and be screened prior to taking your loved one out. Please see the attached guidance which will should help you. We are discouraging going out to restaurants with residents at this time. We can also accommodate guests who would like to have a meal with their loved ones as long as they are fully vaccinated. We can not have guests eat in our main dining room yet but we can provide a private area where they can dine with their loved one.

We are celebrating our own version of nursing home week coming up on the week of June 20. We have some fun events planned for this week based on the seasons of the year. We are also celebrating LNA

week this week also and are recognizing our terrific team of hard working, compassionate LNAs that we have at St. Francis.

We wanted to let you know that volunteers are now able to come in. They are required to be fully vaccinated. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a volunteer at St. Francis please call Alex at ext. 338. We would love to have more volunteers to visit with residents, help take residents outside to enjoy the beautiful weather or help residents to attend more of the activities that are offered.

We also wanted you to know about our recruiting efforts for new employees. Catholic Charities NH has a program to help employees advance in their career path called the Pathways program. We are looking for potential employees who would like to become LNAs. We will sponsor them to take an LNA class. We are planning to offer an LNA class this month and will continue to offer sponsorships to help fill vacancies. The student is required to work for a minimum of a year at St. Francis in exchange for the sponsorship. Please see the brochure attached as well. We have a fund set up to accept donations towards scholarships for St. Francis employees. Please let me know if you are interested in donating to this fund.

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,

Brenda Buttrick RN, LNHA  
Administrator