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Dear Residents, Tenants, Family Members and Employees,

**I would like to invite any family members of resident to attend a family meeting on zoom on Wednesday, June 30 at 6 pm. I will send the zoom invite out in a second e-mail. We will be hosting these meetings once a month to communicate with you and new information of ongoing things happening at St. Francis.**

We have had another great week here and have been enjoying dining, activities and getting outside in the great weather. We have had some fun events this week and it has been great to see the residents and employees have fun together.

We are only testing once per month and will test again on Monday, June 29. 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 than 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 stilled 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 online 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. 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 cannot have guests eat in our main dining room yet, but we can provide a private area where they can dine with their loved one.

Some of the highlights of the week include our Father's Day social, farm day with the goats, chickens and a bunny and our outdoor Hawaiian Luau BBQ topped with a visit from an ice cream truck. This brought back great memories for many of us. We also honored our LNAs on Wednesday with cards and flowers from our residents to our LNAs in a special ceremony. Our LNAs mean the world to us at St. Francis. The care and compassion they show to our residents every day is to be commended. We are blessed to have this wonderful group of hard-working professionals representing all that we do at St. Francis.

Another highlight to mention is that our LNA class began this week. We have 5 employees in the class that will run through the beginning of August. Once the students graduate and obtain their LNA licenses they will be working on all three shifts.

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.

While we know this is a 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