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Dear Residents, Tenants, Family Members and Employees,

I am writing to you to give you an update on things that are happening at St. Francis. This morning we had employee who tested positive on a rapid test after she stated that she was not feeling well. The employee is vaccinated and always wears a mask and eye wear during working hours. We have been in contact with the NH Public Health Department and Catholic Charities. NH Public Health Department has stated that we need to do two rounds of Covid 19 PCR testing. The newest guidance states that we can test employees and residents who had close contact with the positive employee. We are planning to do the PCR tests this coming Thursday and Friday and again at the beginning of next week. We will not have community dining or activities during this time while we are testing for the next 14 days or so. Guidance from CMS is changing as far as family visits are concerned. I will be writing another letter to address this in the next couple of days. Please call Diane at ext. 300 to schedule any visits. We will be wearing N95 masks and face shields. These test samples will be sent out to the NH Public Health lab. Based on test results they will give us further guidance on how to proceed. We will keep you updated with any changes that happen.

Please note that we will be hosting a vaccine booster clinic on Wednesday, November 24, 2021, for our residents and employees.

The positivity rate of Covid 19 is going up in our county. Belknap County is considered in substantial transmission. I would like to encourage you all to wear masks when you are in a public setting. This applies even to vaccinated people due to the different variants that are being discovered.

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