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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. We had several residents today who were exhibiting some cold symptoms. After doing some testing we have discovered that we have three residents who have tested positive for Covid 19. We have started our Covid precautions using full PPE, including N95 masks, face shields, gowns and gloves with all residents and residents are staying in their rooms for now. We went forward and did rapid and PCR tests on every resident. We did not have any other residents who tested positive on the rapid tests. We will finish our PCR tests on every employee tomorrow and bring all of the PCR tests to the public health lab. We will let you know the results of these tests when we receive them. We are hoping to receive the results of these PCR tests by Wednesday. Please note that with these three residents testing positive this is considered an outbreak. We have been communicating with Dr. Ephrem and he will be ordering monoclonal antibody therapy for residents who test positive and meet the requirement for this therapy.

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