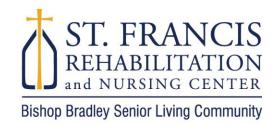
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Dear Residents, Tenants, Family Members and Employees,

I want to give you an update on things that are happening at St. Francis. The results of our most recent PCR tests have come back and we had one additional resident test positive and 2 additional staff members test positive. We had a couple of tests that had to be repeated so they are pending. We have 6 residents who have finished their 10 day quarantine and have been moved back to their own rooms. Overall our residents are doing well with only mild symptoms. We have had a total of 8 staff members test positive. Some are back to work and have completed their 10 day quarantine. We are doing our best to keep you all informed as to how your loved one is doing. Please note that those residents who receive the monoclonal antibodies will need to wait 90 days to receive their booster vaccine. We will schedule a booster clinic at that time.

Our next round of testing will be this coming Sunday and Monday, December 12 and 13. We will need to do at least one more round of testing after this next one as we are required to have two rounds of testing with no new positive cases.

We will include any residents who have not yet tested positive, every employee who has not yet tested positive and every tenant. We continually test our residents and staff with rapid antigen tests if we detect any symptoms of Covid 19.

Please see the attached new guidance on visitation of your loved one. This has been updated since last week and addresses pet visits. At this time because we are in a Covid outbreak we are discouraging visits for your own safety but visits may occur at any time per the new CMS guidelines. You may also take your loved one out at any time as well. It is our responsibility to share with you and educate you on the risks of doing this.

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