

May 3, 2022



Dear Residents, Tenants, Family Members and Employees,

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I am writing to you to give you an update on things that are happening at St. Francis. On Sunday morning, May 1, 2022 we had one resident test positive for Covid 19. This resident had been admitted Friday, April 29 from a local hospital. She is vaccinated/boosted and had a negative test prior to admission to St. Francis. She was moved to one of our quarantine rooms on the Lodge. Today we have a second resident who tested positive for Covid 19. She is a long-term care resident who has been out with family recently. She has also been moved to a quarantine room on the Lodge. Both are experiencing mild symptoms of Covid 19. We have been in contact with the NH Public Health Department and Catholic Charities. Both have recommended that we do three rounds of facility wide testing for all of our employees and residents. We are in the process of testing today and will be testing again on Thursday and then again on Sunday and Monday. We will keep you informed on the results of the testing. We are using rapid antigen tests, Binax cards for our testing.

Visitation guidelines remain the same. We are not restricting visitors. We have closed down to community dining and community activities for the next few days as we do more testing to see if we have any others test positive.

Employees are currently wearing N95 masks and protective eye wear. Visitors are being asked to wear masks and eye wear also. 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