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Dear Residents, Tenants, Family Members and Employees,

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I wanted to send you an update on how things are going here at St. Francis. We are officially out of outbreak status and we currently do not have any known Covid 19 cases among our residents, tenants and employees. Per CMS and NH Public Health guidelines we are continuing to test all employees twice weekly who are not fully up to date with their vaccines. This means any employee who has not received a booster and any employee over the age of 50 who has not received two boosters and are eligible to do so per the guidelines. We are using the rapid antigen binax cards for our testing. We are currently using surgical masks except for those who are not fully up to date with the vaccines. They are required to wear N95 masks. We are also wearing eye wear when we are near residents.

Visitation guidelines remain the same. We are not restricting visitors. We opened up to community dining and community activities this past Wednesday. Visitors are being asked to wear masks and eye wear also. The percent positivity rate is 9.57% and the case rate per 100,000 is 262 in Belknap County. These rates are considered in the high category according to the CDC. 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.

Please see the attached Activity Calendar that we have for the month of June. Our employees have worked hard on preparing a retake of National Nursing Home week for next week as we had to cancel some of the fun events planned last month because we were in outbreak status. Every day has some really fun activities planned that residents, tenants and employees can participate in. I wish so much that we could invite you to join in with these activities but we are not quite there yet with this pandemic and our current restrictions. We continue to be hopeful that maybe by next year things will be different. Please check out our face book page to see pictures posted of the fun events that we have planned. Thank you for continuing to support all of our efforts.

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,

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Administrator