

September 2, 2022



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 had one nurse test positive for Covid 19 yesterday. She believes that she had exposure to it outside of St. Francis. We are currently testing all of the close contacts that she had while she was at St. Francis before she realized that she had it. These are both employees and residents. The first round of testing was completed today and we had no additional positives. We will do another round of testing on Tuesday, September 6 for all of the close contacts. 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 are open to community dining and community activities. Visitors are being asked to wear masks and eye wear also. The percent positivity rate is 8.8% and the case rate per 100,000 is 96 in Belknap County. These rates are considered in the substantial category according to the CDC.

Please see the attached Activity Calendar that we have for the month of September. 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,

Brenda Buttrick RN, LNHA
Administrator