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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. Today we had a dietary aide test positive for Covid. She did not have any symptoms and feels she was exposed in the community. We are testing all of her close contacts which are employees only. We will be testing on this Friday and then again next week. We will let you know the results of those tests. We completed the second round of testing for the close contacts of the nurse who tested positive last week. All of these tests came back negative. 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.

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