

December 15, 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 employee test positive for Covid 19 yesterday and one the day before. The one who tested positive was on vacation prior to this so did not expose any residents or employees. We have begun to test employees and residents who had contact with the first employee within the past 3 days. We are doing testing on Day 1, 3 and 5. So far, we have not had any additional positive tests. The employee will be out of work for a quarantine period. We continue to monitor for any symptoms of covid among all of our residents, tenants and employees. We are continuing to follow the guidance from the NH Public Health Department and CMS. We are using the rapid antigen binax cards for our testing. We are also wearing masks and eye wear when we are near residents.

Visitation guidelines remain the same. We are not restricting visitors. Visitors are to wear masks during their visits and to follow the educational handout on the core principles of infection control we offer when they come in the entrance to St. Francis. The percent positivity rate is 7.14% in Belknap County. These rates are considered in the high category according to the CDC.

We continue to follow CMS guidelines for resident activities and resident dining. All of the programs are continuing at this time.

I also want to give you a friendly reminder that our employees are not allowed to accept gifts from residents or their family members such as gift cards or anything of monetary value. We thank you for showing your appreciation for the care of your loved ones and chocolate or goodies are fine to share with all of our employees.

We are planning ahead for the upcoming Christmas Holiday. The same guidelines will apply as it did for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We continue to follow Covid guidelines as far as social distancing at meal times. There can only be two at a table in the main dining room. We cannot have guests eat in the main dining room with all of the residents. We have several places for residents to eat with their guests but space is limited. We are reserving spaces for families who have a loved one at St. Francis who is not able to get out or has much difficulty going out. It is helpful for us to know who will be going out for Christmas. Please call and speak to Tracy Haddock at ext. 317 or e-mail her at stf.medrec2@nh-cc.org if you are planning to take your loved one out. If your loved one is not able to go out we can accommodate up to 2 guests for them. We will need to know no later than 4 pm on December 19 if you are planning to come for Christmas dinner. The cost will be \$20.

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