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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 had 1 more resident test positive for Covid today. As of today, we have a total of 20 residents that have tested positive for Covid. We have 2 more employees who has tested positive as well for a total of 15 employees. We are doing facility wide testing on all of our residents, tenants and employees. We did our first round of testing on Friday and Saturday. We completed our second round of testing Wednesday and our third round of testing today. We are doing testing on Day 1, 3 and 5. The employees will be out of work for a quarantine period. Each of the residents will also be quarantined for a total of 10 days. We will do the next round of testing on Monday. 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. Employees are wearing N 95 masks and are also wearing eye wear when we are near residents. The employees are wearing full PPE when they are in the resident rooms who have Covid.

All communal dining and communal activities for the residents have been stopped for now. Tenants are still eating in the main dining room.

Visitation guidelines remain the same. We are not restricting visitors. Visitors are to wear masks during their visits and to follow the educational handout we offer when they come in the entrance to St. Francis. The percent positivity rate is 10% in Belknap County. These rates are considered in the high category according to the CDC.

**For those of you who have loved ones that have tested positive, we will be calling you daily Monday through Friday to give you an update on how the resident is doing. Please limit the calls to the facility as it can be difficult to get to you right away. We appreciate your help with this.**

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