



October 14, 2020

Dear Families,

Last week we conducted a final round of resident and staff testing on Thursday, October 8, 2020 and all tests came back negative. At this time we will not have to conduct another round of staff testing until early November unless we get a positive case in the facility. When we conduct staff testing in early November, we won't have to include residents unless we have a positive case that results from this testing.

Since March 2020, to stop the spread of COVID-19 in Long-Term Care Facilities, CMS and the CDC has restricted visitations in facilities. In August 2020, we began offering outside visitations at St. Francis Senior Ministries for residents to be able to visit with their families. With cooler weather quickly approaching, it is becoming impracticable to conduct routine outdoor visits; therefore, we are going to start offering inside visitation here at St. Francis to ensure residents and families can continue to visit with each other during the cooler months. Beginning on Monday, October 19, 2020 we will stop scheduling outside visitation, but will start having inside visitation.

Please understand that our greatest priority is keeping your loved ones and the staff that care for your loved ones safe. We will ask that you follow the guidelines that are also posted with this letter. The guidelines will also be posted when you come to visit your loved one. These guidelines will also give more direction on how the visitations will work.

Inside visitations will be offered seven days a week in half hour increments. Monday thru Friday visits will take place between the hours of 9am and 6:30pm. On weekends visitations will take place between the hours of 10:30am thru 6pm. There will be breaks in visitation hours to accommodate lunch and dinner. There will also be half hour breaks between each visit to properly disinfect the visitation room. Please call the front desk seven days a week between the hours of 10am and 7pm to schedule a visit with your loved one.

We look forward to starting these visits and we look forward to seeing everyone! Thank you for your support during these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Gabe Stoll

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