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To Our Residents and Family Members:

We want to inform you that we have conducted testing on all residents and staff since our first positive case was reported three weeks ago. We have received results on all our staff and residents and we had three additional cases of COVID-19. This was the case that was reported 7/15/20 and two additional cases on 7/21/20. We did not have any additional cases beyond that. Resident and staff safety continues to be our top priority. We are doing everything we can to ensure we stop the spread of COVID-19 within St. Francis, including staying in very close communication with local and state health officials to ensure we are taking all the appropriate steps.

We have also conducted a second round of testing two weeks ago on certain groups of residents and staff based on the exposure that they may have had with the individuals that tested positive. We have since received all of the results back with no additional positive cases. Last week we conducted another round of testing on certain groups of staff based on previous exposure. We have since received many of these results and so far we have no positive cases.

We now have no units on strict quarantine. We are still asking residents to cooperate in social distancing, hand hygiene, and cough etiquette. We are also encouraging residents to wear a face covering when coming into contact with others.

At this time the start of outside visitation has been delayed. However, once all of the tests come back for the testing that was conducted last week and if we have no positive cases we will be starting outside visitations with family and residents. Also, once we get the results back with no positive cases we will also be opening beautician services. We will be communicating the process and rules for outside visitations on our website and Facebook once we have a start date. We are still encouraging family members to connect with their loved ones through video chat, calling, texting, or other social media formats.

We know this continues to be a difficult time for everyone. We will continue to update you as we get results of the latest round of testing.

Sincerely,

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