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I wanted to take this opportunity to provide an update on some things that will be taking place over the next several weeks as it relates to COVID-19 and steps toward reopening. In the month of June it was announced by the Governor's Office that all Nursing Facility staff in Ohio would be tested for COVID-19. Some additional guidance has come out that the National Guard will be deployed to Nursing Facilities in Ohio to test all staff. At this time there aren't plans to test any residents on the day the National Guard arrives unless they would show signs and symptoms on the day of the testing. Our facility is supposed to get a week notice in advance to the testing. The testing is moving quickly so I anticipate this happening in the coming weeks. As soon as I am made aware of our test date I will post this on the St. Francis website and Facebook. If there are any positive tests, I will communicate this as well. Also, please know that we have tested any residents and staff that have already shown signs and symptoms of COVID-19, but have had no positive tests at this time.

In addition to the testing of all staff in Ohio Nursing Facilities, it was also announced earlier this week that Ohio Nursing Facilities will be allowing for outdoor visits for residents to see their families. We are currently working on our process for these visits and we look forward to starting these visits soon. Please look for additional communication in the coming few weeks that will have guidance on how to schedule these visits and how the logistics of the visits will take place. Please keep in mind that there will be specific rules that we will be mandated to follow and if the rules are broken families could be asked to leave.

We cannot wait for the day when we have all loved ones back into the facility to visit the residents. Until that day we are doing everything we can to keep the residents and staff here at St. Francis as safe as possible during these times. We also appreciate your patience, understanding, and cooperation as we implement this new visiting process.

Blessings to all and have a Happy Independence Day,

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