



SAINT FRANCIS

REHABILITATION AND NURSING CENTER

Dear Residents, Family members and Resident Representatives, January 7, 2021

I would like to give you some updates as we have had many recent changes in our COVID numbers for both staff and residents. As of today, we have 22 residents that are being treated for COVID on our isolation unit. In addition, we have 18 staff members that are positive for COVID and are in quarantine at their home.

We are not allowing new admissions in the facility with the exception of residents who are re-admitted following a medical leave. We will continue to freeze all new admissions until the Department of Public Health determines that we have implemented effective and sustainable infection control practices on an ongoing basis.

The following are steps that we will continue with to eliminate COVID for St. Francis: every 72- hour resident and staff COVID testing, maintaining a COVID isolation unit with dedicated staff, utilizing our ample supply of PPE per the DPH guidelines, and following current infection control practices including infection control rounds multiple times throughout the day. We have more than adequate staff who are closely monitoring all residents. We are in daily communications with both a DPH surveyor and epidemiologist regarding staffing and PPE. We also discuss and review our current COVID cases as well as our cohorting process for residents. At this time, we are hopeful that we will be free of the virus by the end of the month with these measures in place.

We will continue to post all COVID updates on our website www.saintfrancisrehab.com and utilize our group text messaging to keep you updated on the current COVID status. We will post a weekly review update every Thursday while the admission freeze is in place. We have appointed Laurie Derrico RN our Nurse Liaison to be your contact person. You can reach out to Laurie directly at 1-508-340-2195 if you have any questions.

Thank you all for your continued understanding and support.

Sincerely,

Katie E. Joyce Administrator



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