

## Kathleen McCracken

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Good evening families

Today – per the Long Term Care Facility Guidance from CMS- we have implemented Universal facemask wearing for all staff at St. Ann. This guidance comes as a precautionary measure for all long term care facilities.

Donna Nemet, ADNS and I have been keeping up to date on the many changes taking place in the guidance of preventative measures of COVID-19 through conference call from CMS, New Hampshire DHHS, and the NHHCA. We are averaging about 5-6 calls a week.

We are still taking admissions onto our skilled unit – however any/all patients are being reviewed with much regard to the safe keeping of those already in our care. We are NOT accepting ANY patients who have tested positive for COVID-19 at this time nor are we accepting any patients with any signs of respiratory illnesses. All new admissions are being quarantined for 14 days – also as a precautionary measure due to their recent hospitalization.

Some positive highlights from the week that the residents enjoyed doing/playing...

Hallway arts & crafts

Music & movement- the hokey pokey was a big hit with staff joining in for some additional smiles and laughter

Hallway Happy hour

Basket toss (similar to basketball)

Today we had a donation of pizza, salad and chocolate chip cookies delivered for the staff and residents to enjoy (if able and wanting to partake) from an anonymous donor. Thank you to whomever was so generous- it was thoroughly enjoyed.

While we know this is incredibly difficult for you to be shut out from seeing your loved ones, please know we are doing our best to ensure each resident feels safe and loved by us here at St. Ann. The staff are working so hard to stay positive- some days are easier than others of course.

Stay well and again, please let us know if there is anything more we can be doing.

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