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Greetings from St. Ann,

Well... we have made it through another week.

If you are following the news- you may have seen where Governor Sununu gave a press conference and announced that the long term care facilities in Rockingham and Hillsborough County are going to be testing their residents and staff for COVID-19. This testing is a result of the larger noted outbreak that has occurred in these counties.

We had several donations this week for our staff and residents.

Wentworth Home Care & Hospice provided the staff with lunch on 4.16.2020

Ghirardelli Candy donation from one of you for the staff- thank you!!! We love chocolate ☺

Bird Feeder & bird seed donations from website donor

Cloth face masks for staff and residents from Seacoast Mask Makers

Cloth face mask from the town of Lee sewing group

Cloth face masks from Chloe Gross- website donor

Cloth face masks from our very own retired RN- Judy Pelletier

On 4.14.2020 –we received the following guidance:

COVID-19 Universal Mask Recommendation for Long-term Care and Assisted Living Facilities

Long-term care, assisted living, residential care, and similar facilities providing residential care to elderly or infirm residents maintain a unique role in caring for and protecting some of the most vulnerable populations during the COVID-19 pandemic. As an additional infection prevention and control measure in these settings, the New Hampshire Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) has recommended universal use of facemasks by essential visitors and personnel throughout the facility.

For your continued safety - It is strongly recommended for everyone to wear masks when out in public

Cloth face coverings are intended to prevent transmission from the person wearing the face covering (i.e. source control) due to the possibility of asymptomatic/pre-symptomatic transmission. A cloth face covering is likely adequate in most settings where there is not confirmed or suspect COVID-19 transmission.

Medical grade surgical masks are intended to be personal protective equipment (PPE) to protect the person wearing the mask if there is the possibility of transmission occurring within the facility.

The residents of St. Ann and the tenants of Bishop Gendron were issued cloth face masks for their personal use. There is a procedure in place for ensuring they are cleaned daily and we have extras in our clean linen closets for use if/when soiled. While some residents are a bit hesitant to wear one, some have opted to wear a surgical mask "just like us"- we are after all- one big family here at St. Ann.

All new admissions and re-admitted residents are sent to the skilled wing (Granite) and go through a 14 day isolation period as a precautionary measure. We continue to monitor all of our residents for fever and signs/symptoms of

respiratory illness with vitals taken at the start of every shift. This week, we did test 1 resident for COVID-19- which was a NEGATIVE.

We have had some changes in our Life Enrichment Department and wanted to be sure to keep you all up to date with those changes as well. Chelsea, the Life Enrichment Manager left us on 4.03.2020 for new opportunity. Megan left us as well- earlier this week on 4.15.2020.

On a positive note, we have hired a new Life Enrichment Manager and I look for him to come on board with us in the early part of May. Ken Holmes comes to us with a lot of really fun ideas and new ideas to enrich the lives of our residents.

Some highlights from this week include- exercise, music & movement, sing a longs, word scrabble fun, we made stress eggs (a balloon filled with water beads & water), door way kickball, bean bag toss and today we are having root beer floats- yum!

Thank you all for your continued support and prayers as we continue to navigate through this very challenging situation for us all. ***Please continue to come do window visits*** with your loved ones and don't forget about the Google Duo/Video Chat option. Please reach out to Jesse Tayler sta.swdir@nh-cc.org and Krista Charles sta.sw@nh-cc.org to coordinate a visit. We all miss you!

Some of you have asked what you can do for us...the residents love bird feeders & watching the critters outside. Bird seed & feeders are always welcomed

Thank you & stay safe!

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