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It is hard to believe that another month has slipped by. This pandemic seems to have no end and I am so thankful to all of you for your continued support and understanding with the ongoing changes we need to make on what seems like a day to day basis.

We did not have any COVID-19 testing this week; however, the staff member who had the positive test result from the July 23rd testing has had another COVID-19 test and the results were NEGATIVE. It seems this too was a false positive. The employee remains on quarantine in his/her home until cleared by DHHS to return to work.

I will let you all know when we will be moving back to having outdoor visits available. They continue to be on hold for now.

The Department of Health and Human Services has shifting all COVID-19 specimens to be processed by Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. We will be testing according to their determined test dates with our specimens picked up by a courier to deliver to the lab. We are all hoping for better reliability with in-state specimen processing.

This week, Mark from Life Enrichment reports moving forward with several new activities planned for the month of August. Among these are a scrapbooking club, story time, and chair bocce! This week, we focused on one to one interactions with residents within their rooms. Residents enjoyed home-grown trivia games focusing on classic TV and July trivia, as well as gentle stretching exercises. Our visits were also a great opportunity to learn more about our residents, including what activities they would like to see offered at St. Ann. Our water gun activity on July 27 was ideal for our warm, sultry weather. Residents enjoyed testing their water gun marksmanship by shooting at paper cups, target paper plates, and stacked bingo markers. We certainly have quite a few sharpshooters at St. Ann! We look forward to more summer fun in the weeks ahead.

I am so thankful to the team I have here at St. Ann for their hard work and dedication to our residents. The staff here truly have your loved ones best interest at heart and strive each day to bring a smile to every face.

Please continue to be safe. Refer to the CDC website for information about COVID-19, including symptoms, how it spreads, maps that help to identify areas where COVID-19 outbreaks are on the rise, and actions YOU can take to protect your own health: <https://www/cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019>.

Thank you again for your continued support

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