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Good morning

Today the mobile testing unit was at St. Ann to test all staff and residents who have not previously tested positive for COVID-19. We can expect to start receiving these test results on Sunday, November 15th. I will provide you all with an update when I know more. We will continue to be tested until we can go 14 days with no new case

It is unfortunate that I must report we had 1 new positive COVID resident today from a test administered earlier in the week. This resident was in a room by him/herself. All COVID + residents are now on the same unit - the Granite Unit.

The risk to exposure within our community – Strafford County- remains very high. Please, I encourage all of you to stay home if possible and if you must go out- wear a mask, practice social distancing and wash your hands thoroughly and often.

We are continuing to monitor all staff and residents closely for any signs/symptoms. We are pushing fluids and encouraging rest.

Life Enrichment update: In lieu of our current outbreak status with COVID, events hosted by Life Enrichment continue to be on hold. We are focusing on an all-hands-on-deck approach to life engagement with our residents through conversation and positive thoughts. On Veteran's Day, we paid tribute to our very own Veterans with a special treat of cupcakes and our favorite beverage- root beer! We did place our military flags, alongside American flags outside the main entrance of St. Ann to honor all of those who have served our great country.

Both residents and staff continue to cope with current circumstances with dedication and positive outlooks. We are grateful for their determination.

We look forward to making the turn to having no more positive COVID test results and anticipate the welcoming of some new word games, a conversation activity, and our first-ever Bible Study program, among other concepts. Thank you and please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

We have all the necessary supplies to take care of protecting ourselves and those we are caring for.

On behalf of all my staff here at St. Ann, we'd like to thank you for the surprise donations of snacks and other goodies for the staff during this very challenging time. The staff are so appreciative of your support as we try to continue to work our way to containing this virus from further spreading. We also thank you and Father Aggie for your continued prayers for the staff and residents.

Thank you,

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