# St. Ann Rehabilitation and Nursing Center Bishop Gendron Senior Living Community

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### **COVID Testing:**

On July 6<sup>th</sup>, we had our monthly testing for all non-vaccinated staff. The results are all negative. The county positivity rate of COVID in Strafford County has fallen quite nicely- however this week a noted trend back up is occurring. On July 12<sup>th</sup> the rate was 0.2% and today is crept up to 0.7%. While this is still great news for the county- we do continue to air of the side of caution and as you too to continue to be diligent with hand washing, social distancing and wearing a face mask due to the new variant out there that is making a strong comeback across the country- this time also impacting children who are not eligible to receive a vaccine at this time.

## Visitation update:

Indoor visitation continues to be scheduled through our receptionist, Karen, by calling 603-742-2612. We continue to schedule visits for 20-30-minute increments to allow for thorough cleaning between visits and are not scheduling visits after 4:30PM currently; however, we are working to make some exceptions. Karen has been asked to avoid scheduling visits close to our meal times to help ensure residents meals remain hot and fresh for their dining pleasure.

We are asking if visitors have been vaccinated- however visitors ARE NOT required to share that information. If you choose not to disclose your vaccination status- you will be required to wear a face mask and maintain social distancing of 6 feet as a precautionary measure.

We also offer outdoor visits. The *skilled* patients (on the Granite wing) are having outdoor visits on the patio (located to the far right of the facility). The visits are to be scheduled through Jesse Taylor aby calling 603-742-2612 ext. 111 or by emailing <u>sta.swdir@nh-cc.org</u>.

Outdoor visits for our long-term care residents take place on the screened porch located in from off the activities room. These visits must also be scheduled in advance through Krista Charles by calling 603-742-2612 ext. 119 or by emailing <u>sta.sw@nh-cc.org</u>.

Please DO NOT take residents to another location during your visit.

#### **Resident Outings**:

Residents are enjoying the outings you have opted to take them on. As a reminder, outings need to be scheduled so that we can plan around meals and medications. Outings are coordinated with the Social Services Department-Jesse Taylor at <u>sta.swdir@nh-cc.org</u> or Krista Charles at <u>sta.sw@nh-cc.org</u> or by calling the facility at 742-2612 and asking for one of them.

#### Life Enrichment update:

Monday kicked off National Hawaii Day. We learned all about Hawaii and celebrated with a mini luau. The residents and staff dressed in their Hawaiian gear, played hula hoop games, and the residents finished their day with a Pina colada. July 6th marked the anniversary of the first All Star baseball game back in 1933. That morning we went outdoors and practiced our batting skills. Later that day we sat on

the porch and tested our baseball knowledge. We dedicated the day to baseball minus a game of Yahtzee. For our wacky holiday this week we celebrated many but the one that stuck out the most was father / Daughter celebrity's. We never knew how many celebrity daughters followed in their father's footsteps. We made the holiday into a guessing game. We would guess the names along with what they were famous for. We found that a lot of our famous actors or actresses were related to one another. In honor of summer our dietary team made up an ice cream sundae cart. We had planned to have outdoor entertainment but the rain forced us to reschedule to later in the month. To end our week we baked sugar cookies, played a game of bingo and some word games. We had a lot of fun this week. Even with a few hiccups in the weather we managed to keep activities going and still have smiling faces.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support and *working with us* on all the visitation changes and scheduling

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