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Greetings from St. Ann,

COVID Update:

The county positivity rate of COVID in Strafford County continues to trend in the 6% range. We continue to test unvaccinated staff weekly due to the county positivity rate being greater than 5%. All tested staff have been negative.

As previously mentioned, CCNH issued a memo mandating that ALL staff are expected, as a condition of employment, to be fully vaccinated by October 31, 2021. Unvaccinated employees are expected to have their first COVID shot placed by September 13, 2021.

In Breaking News Thursday, September 9, 2021, according to an article in McKnight's Long-term Care News Magazine, the Federal Government has now expanded it COVID vaccine mandate to ALL healthcare workers working in Medicare and Medicaid certified facilities.

COVID Booster Shots:

Our DNS is working with our pharmacy and make booster shots available to staff, residents and the tenants of Bishop Gendron available sometime in September. More to come as we get possible dates as there will be consent forms that will need to be completed.

Staff Update:

Today has been a sad day here at the facility as we say goodbye to several of our friends and colleagues: Jesse Taylor- Director of Admission/Social Services, Sarah Downing- Life Enrichment Manager, Beth Baxter- Medical Record/Scheduler, Tyler Coleman- Cook, Jacob Rogers- Dietary Aide and Paula Hill-Dietary Aide. Working with each of you has been so much fun- learning from each of you for your own unique talents. May each of you be proud of the work you did, the person you are and the difference you made in the lives of our residents and your peers. We will miss each and every one of you.

Life Enrichment update from last week:

Last week we welcomed our new activity assistant, Patti. She is a great addition to our team. Our week started out with a game of family feud and back to school chit chat. Many schools started back before the Labor Day holiday which made for a great reminisce group. Tuesday, we attempted to make ice cream in a bag, but that turned out to be cream in a bag. We learned that you have to use a specific cream in order to make the ice cream. We plan to attempt the challenge again. Our only wacky holiday for this week was National Match Maker Day. We made this into a guess the couple game. We gave the residents clues of famous couples and they had to guess who the couple was. Our word games this week were big word little word and Scattergories. Friday, we finished up our week with bingo, bowling, and room to room hand massages.

We hope you all stay healthy as the pandemic continues its ramp up. Please wear a mask when indoors, practice social distancing and thorough hand washing. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Kindly,

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