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Good afternoon,

I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy. We are pleased to announce all residents have been tested for COVID and the results have all been negative! The results are trickling in and we are currently waiting for only one more resident, fantastic news. This is a snapshot at that particular point in time but was wonderful news to receive. Donna Wolin, RN/ DNS, has been vigorously working with a representative with the State of New Hampshire to have all staff tested; we do not yet have a definitive date and will continue to push. After we conduct our baseline testing, each week all staff will be tested and 10% of our residents will be tested. Routine testing is the best way to understand our COVID status.

Many of our resident have enjoyed visiting family members via our window visits. Although there is a barrier, the smiles are wonderful to see. As the temperature and the intensity of the sun increase we encourage visitors on the outside of the building to wear sunscreen, bug spray is suggested when cooler, have plenty of water and use an umbrella to create shade. When we bring our residents outdoors or for a window visit we are taking them in the elevator one at a time to assist with social distancing.

Many of you are aware that Dr. Temme is retiring from practicing medicine, this will be a tremendous loss for the community and not just the residents of St. Vincent's. The residents made cards for Dr. Temme and he collected them as he paraded around the building to say goodbye. Moving forward the Medical Director will be Dr. Cardenas who works at Androscoggin Valley Hospital. We are pleased to have a Medical Director who is in the community which is ideal in maintaining strong continuity of care.

Routinely, staff are being reminded to practice social distancing within the building and while outside of the building. We understand the greatest risk comes from staff entering the community and returning to the building. As a community lets continue to practice safe behaviors as we enjoy the summer!

A special thank you to Rollie and Paula Poirier for donating their time and supplies to brighten up the garden. The residents have enjoyed watching the garden coming to life!

Thank you,

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