

June 26, 2020



Greetings,

Resident laughter and smiles have returned to St. Vincent's and we believe this is in result to the authorization of supervised outdoor visits. I would like to give a loud **thank you** to each family member who came to campus for a visit. Each individual understood, accepted and followed the required restraints which allows us to continue hosting these outdoor visits. In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic each nursing home is receiving an infection control survey and on Tuesday, June 23 a member of the Infection Control Task Force through DHHS conducted an infection control survey at St. Vincent's. I am excited to announce we were found to be in substantial compliance with our infection control practices! An outdoor visit was in session during the audit and the surveyor approved of our setup!

Mandated screening provides reassurance individuals are healthy when they step onto campus; however, we cannot overstate the importance of individuals in the North Country continuing socially responsible practices such as wearing a mask in public, embracing social distancing and practicing vigilance with whom you are visiting or who is visiting with you. Understanding the actions/travel of those you visit with provides greater awareness to the risk of virus transmission. New Hampshire has reopened and together we can maintain a healthy community!

Our response to COVID-19 has resulted in closed doors for over three months. We receive numerous calls/emails and try to return them promptly to ensure your questions are answered. To promote community involvement we are scheduling a family meeting to be held on Thursday, July 2 at 6pm. Unfortunately we are unable to have individuals come into the building and to encourage social distancing we will be utilizing Zoom. The meeting ID is 393 735 7941 and Password is 496580. I hope each of you can participate!

Thank you,

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