

August 28, 2020



Greetings,

I am pleased to announce Coös County is one of three counties in New Hampshire with infection rates low enough for qualifying nursing homes to enter into Phase 3 of reopening, St. Vincent's is able to proceed with Phase 3! We are not going to witness drastic changes with the reopening process as we enter into this new phase of reopening. Phase 3 mandates visitors and employees continue to be screened, continuation of limited communal dining, social distant group activities, entry of volunteers with screening and additional precautions plus the continuation of social distancing. We welcomed back one long-term volunteer, Duke, who will be assisting with our supervised visitations. To minimize exposure risks we are not utilizing volunteers within our building. If the community continues to experience a low infectious rate we can anticipate continued reopening. Unfortunately, at this point in time there is no federal or state guidance for the next phase of reopening.

To assist with social distancing our therapy team is currently in process of redesigning the rehabilitation room. Our rehabilitation team puts in wonderful effort to maintain distancing requirements and to keep equipment clean. Redesigning the rehabilitation room will make this challenge easier for them.

We are on the fringe of welcoming the month of September, which brings beautiful foliage and cooler weather. We encourage everyone to bring a jacket or warm layer during your visits, the temperature drops rapidly when clouds cover the sun. It is also a great time to begin thinking about transitioning resident clothing from summer to winter attire. We can assist with this transition, please contact Laura Vaillancourt, Social Services Director, or Candy O'Neil, Activities Director, if you have specific questions about clothing or would like assistance.

Last week, it was mentioned we are seeking compassionate individuals for an LNA class. We will hire each student as a Unit Aide so they can work as they complete their program. If you are aware of someone who would make a great addition to our team, please encourage them to apply for our LNA program.

Thank you,

*Jeffrey Lacroix*

Administrator

St Vincent de Paul Rehab and Nursing

29 Providence Ave

Berlin, NH 03570

(P) 603-752-1820

(F) 603-752-5766