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Families, friends, residents and staff;

Weekly COVID-19 testing was conducted COVID testing again this week, one staff tested positive for COVID. After speaking with the State of New Hampshire and explaining the staff member's position and lack of association with other staff members and residents we will not be closing to visits!

Active cases of COVID continue to remain in substantial rate of transmission for Coos County with a high caseload remaining in our neighboring communities. Due to a continuous high rate of COVID positive cases we saw Berlin and Gorham initiate mask mandates. To stay healthy, staff continue to wear masks and eye protection; the community mask mandate acts as solidarity in prevention of spread. We thank each visitor for complying and understanding masks must be worn during the entire duration of their visit, this provides a strong attempt to reduce the risk of introducing COVID to our residents and staff.

We have all been witness and victim to supply chain disruptions, unfortunately we too have been plagued with these interruptions. Medically, we have access to various avenues for supplies but difficulties in dietary are at an all-time high. We have a plan, and backup plan, in place to for disruptions so and we can adjust as needed.

Working with Walgreen's we were finally able to schedule a clinic for COVID-19 booster shots, the clinic will be held on Monday, November 8 at Str Vincent's. Individuals who have received Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine 6 months ago or more or J&J 2 months or longer ago are eligible to receive the booster. Walgreens will be providing only the Pfizer booster during the clinic. Walgreen's is now using an online form for insurance and consent, next week we will be calling the POA for individuals who qualify for the booster but are unable to make their own decisions so we can obtain consent.

The Activity Department held a Halloween costume parade for the residents, many staff and a volunteer, thank you Paula, participated for the enjoyment of residents. It was fun to see the residents in attendance light up with excitement when they saw everyone in costume.

We hope everyone enjoys and has a safe Halloween weekend.

Kindly,

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