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Today is another good day and one more day closer to the end of the COVID-19 outbreak at Saint Vincent's.

Testing: This morning we received the results of the tests from yesterday for the residents of the third floor (test #3 of 4). All results were negative for COVID-19 (we are currently contacting the SDMs). Their last test will be done on October 6th. On Monday we will test (#3 of 3) for the residents who were potentially exposed at bingo. All decisions as to when precautions will be removed for any resident will come from Public Health.

Resident Return: Our resident has returned to Saint Vincent's from the regional care unit (exhibiting no symptoms and doing well!). Our team discussed the return with Public Health and our medical director who have reassured us that the resident is completely safe to return to Saint Vincent's. There are a lot of experts reviewing all aspects of our outbreak. The return home is safe for all of us and the best decision for the resident.

I was asked about why Saint Vincent's was not mentioned in the recent press briefing. Media releases on COVID-19 come from Nova Scotia Health or the Department of Seniors and Long-Term Care and they have not released our cases. For now, I am glad to be out of the limelight. After the outbreak is done, I'll welcome the opportunity to discuss our approach and learnings, but right now as we go through the process, time should be spent communicating with you, not the media. I welcome feedback, concerns, or questions, but from the right people at the right time and currently, that is our residents, employees, and you, our family members, and friends.

Thank you to the staff who have been showing up for their shifts and picking up extra shifts to ensure the residents are well cared for. Also, thank you to all the family members who have offered their thanks and support to everyone at Saint Vincent's. It means the world to us to know that you trust us with your loved ones.

Thank you.

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