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To all of my patients/ friends:

Needless to say, the last three years have been extraordinarily difficult for countless offices and businesses, and Fall River Vision has been no exception. We have fought through illness, reduced hours, and severe lack of staff, and most recently the terrible fire that destroyed most of the shops in our shopping center. This letter is to let you know that the fight is not over. As many of you had heard, this past April I was about to close the practice due to the pandemic and inability to find staff. Shortly before that happened, Dr. Christina Herald contacted me, with interest in taking over the practice and having me work for her, and this is what we have done. Together, we made plans to expand the office, add new technology, increase our hours and accept new insurance plans. For the first time in 44 years, I was able to let someone else deal with running the practice and I could concentrate on doing what I love: working with patients and telling bad jokes and puns (I am very grateful for your tolerance in putting up with my sense of humor).

The night of the fire, Dr. Herald was working late in the office. As she was about to leave, the fire alarms went off. She called me to say that Burns Power tools, right next door to us, was on fire, and my heart sank as I watched the news coverage. However, I became cautiously optimistic as I thought about how there was a gap between our office and Burns, and perhaps, we might be spared serious damage. The next morning Dr. Herald called me to say that that is exactly what happened, with only some smoke and soot issues. I was elated and thankful, but as the days have passed, it became apparent that the whole shopping center may no longer be usable. Dr Herald has been putting immense effort into finding an alternate location that we may use, either temporarily or permanently. We are not giving up, and as I have often said over the past few years, I have no interest in retirement.

We have made arrangements for Dr. Herald, whom I have the utmost confidence in, and I, to see patients at Eye See Quality Eyecare in New Bedford, 934 Ashley Blvd, until we find a permanent location. Dr. Herald will start immediately, and shortly I will also. To schedule appointments, call our office number at 508-673-2370. We will keep you posted on our website and our answering system. An immense thank you for your loyalty and patience, and hope to see you again soon.

Sincerely,



Douglas S. Posner O.D.