

May 7, 2020

Dear Residents, Family Members and Responsible Parties,

Thank you for your continued prayers and support during this uncertain time. During this month of May we especially call upon our Blessed Mother to intercede on our behalf to help us through this challenging time and for an end to the coronavirus pandemic.

We currently have seven staff members who have tested positive for COVID-19. Two have recovered from their symptoms and have been cleared to return to work. The other five are still out recovering. Seven other staff members who were tested were negative for COVID-19. Two others have been tested and are waiting for the results.

We are encouraged that there are no new positive cases in our Personal Care unit. Four Residents have recovered and are now symptom free. Three Residents who were in the hospital have been transferred to skilled nursing rehab facilities to continue their recuperation. One Resident remains here at the Home in isolation and continues to be monitored and treated for their symptoms. Staff are wearing face shields, goggles, N-95 face masks, gowns, and gloves when entering the rooms of positive Residents.

A Resident in our skilled nursing unit was sent to the hospital and was tested positive for COVID-1. Another skilled nursing Resident was tested and the COVID-19 test result was negative. The Residents on all units continue to be monitored and screened for symptoms daily. Meals are delivered to their rooms and they are looking forward to the day when they can eat together in the dining rooms again!

We are encouraged by the support we are receiving from family members and our benefactors, who have been helping us to obtain hard to get items. We continue to need gloves (non-latex, powder free), thermometers, disposable gowns, hand sanitizer, clorox wipes with bleach, and disinfecting wipes.

Students from SS. Colman-John Neumann School have been sending cheery cards and members of the Board of St. Francis Auxiliary have been writing encouraging letters to our Residents, who appreciate the extra contact from the community.

We now have a tablet set up for the Residents to have FaceTime calls with their families. If you are interested in setting up a call, please respond to this e-mail address and provide us with your name, Resident's name and phone number.

Thank you for all you do and for following all the precautionary guidelines we have put into place. We greatly appreciate your cooperation, understanding, and patience during this challenging time. Let us all work together to keep each other safe and healthy. Let us continue to pray for each other, especially those who are sick with the virus, that God's Divine Mercy will protect us and keep us healthy and that there may soon be an end to the coronavirus pandemic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mother Catherine, lsp". The signature is written in black ink on a light blue background.

Mother Catherine, lsp  
President