

May 13, 2020

Dear Residents, Family Members and Responsible Parties,

Thank you for your continued prayers and support during this uncertain time. On this day, the feast of Our Lady of Fatima we 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 ten staff members who have tested positive for COVID-19. Three have recovered from their symptoms and have been cleared to return to work. The other seven are still out recovering. Seven other staff members who were tested were negative for COVID-19.

There is one new positive case in our Personal Care unit; this Resident is being isolated and cared for in their room. Five 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. Staff are wearing face shields, goggles, N-95 face masks, gowns, and gloves when entering the rooms of positive Residents.

Two Residents in our Skilled Nursing unit were sent to the hospital and tested positive for COVID-19. One died in the hospital; please pray for this Resident and the family. The second Resident will return to Holy Family Home to recuperate. The staff in the skilled nursing units are now wearing N-95 face masks for further protection for the Residents and others. The Residents on all units continue to be monitored and screened for symptoms daily.

We continue to ask the Residents in the apartments to shelter in place and to leave the premises only for essential reasons. Their families and some volunteers have helped them with grocery shopping, leaving the items at the front entrance doors. Now that the weather is getting warmer, some go out for walks in the yard, but only one at a time and with social distancing.

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

We now have a tablet set up for the Residents to have FaceTime calls with their families. If you would like to set up a call, please reply to this e-mail and provide us with your name, Resident's name and phone number (phdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org).

The Sisters and staff are working hard to keep your loved ones and our dear Residents safe and healthy. As we mark National Skilled Nursing Care Center Week (May 10 – 16), we remember our mission of serving the elderly with dignity and respect in a caring, homelike setting.

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-colored background.

Mother Catherine, lsp
President