



# Little Sisters of the Poor

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Dear Residents, Family Members and Responsible Parties,

Thank you for your continued prayers and support during this challenging time. Having just celebrated the feast of Pentecost, we call upon the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we continue to care for your loved ones, our Residents.

We have had a total of ten staff members who have tested positive for COVID-19. As of today, all have recovered from their symptoms and have been cleared to return to work.

On the recommendation of the PA Department of Health, we are having all the Residents in the skilled nursing and personal care units, except those who were already positive, tested for the COVID-19 virus. As of Friday, all but three of the Residents had been tested, with one Resident in the skilled nursing unit testing positive; the rest were negative. This Resident will be placed in isolation and under droplet precautions for 21 days, and staff will wear additional PPE (personal protection equipment) when caring for the Resident. We will also be testing all nursing staff, except for those who have already tested positive.

Although Philadelphia has entered the yellow zone as of Friday, nursing homes, personal care homes, and other congregate facilities will have a longer waiting period because of the vulnerability of the elderly population to COVID-19. Currently, the Department is mandating that the restrictions for nursing homes will remain in effect for at least 28 more days after the beginning of the Green Phase in the counties. Thus, there will continue to be daily screening, wearing of masks, no visitors allowed, and no group activities or meals in the dining rooms. Residents should go out only for essential appointments. All this will help us keep down the number of positive cases.

Our apartment Residents remain healthy, mostly thanks to their following the guidelines for sheltering in place, handwashing, and social distancing. Despite the inconveniences, our Residents have been cooperative and understanding, for which we are grateful. We ask for your patience and endurance for a little bit longer.

Families have been taking advantage of setting up FaceTime calls with their loved ones. 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](mailto:phdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org)).

Thank you all for your prayers and for following all the precautionary guidelines we have put into place. Let us all work together to keep each other safe and healthy. Let us continue

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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,

*Mother Catherine lsp*

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President

P.S. Please go to our website, [www.littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorphiladelphia.org), and check out our latest blog update.