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Dear Residents, Family Members and Responsible Parties,

We were so happy when we were able to start Step 1 of our Reopening Implementation plan on Monday, September 28. The dining room for our 4th floor personal care opened that day and the Residents were so happy and excited to be eating together again, though one to a table and six feet apart. A week later the dining rooms for our 2nd and 3rd floor nursing units opened for the noon meal.

Unfortunately, today we were notified that a staff member tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. This staff member has not been in the facility since October 8th, and currently no other staff member or Resident are showing any symptoms.

However, according to CDC guidelines we now need to revert to pre-reopening status. Thus, the Residents will be quarantined to their rooms for 14 days, as long as no other positive cases occurs. Staff members will be wearing additional PPEs (personal protective equipment). Mandatory testing for all staff and Residents began today and will continue tomorrow.

Unfortunately, this also means that in the 14-day period our Residents cannot have any visitors. We continue to offer setting up FaceTime calls and Zoom meetings with their loved ones. If you would like to set up a call, please reply to this e-mail (phdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org) and provide us with your name, Resident's name and your phone number.

Thank you all for your prayers and for your understanding during this challenging time. We are as disappointed as you must be with this little setback. As soon as we are able to resume Step 1 of our Reopening Implementation we will be sure to let you know. 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,

Mother Catherine lsp

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President

P.S. We are in need of CNAs to work at our Home, if you could send us some referrals. We also in need of:

- medium size, powder free, vinyl or nitrile disposable exam gloves (no latex)
- bleach wipes
- disinfecting wipes

Thank you for your help!

HOLY FAMILY HOME

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