

December 27, 2020

Dear Residents, Family Members and Responsible Parties,

We hope you and your families had a blessed Christmas. Since the last update our testing results have an additional 2 staff members and 8 Residents testing positive. The Residents are being cared for in dedicated wings or in another facility and will be isolated for 20 days. Please remember them in your prayers, as well as the Sisters and the nursing staff who are caring for all the Residents.

Please join us in praying for two of our Residents who passed away, one on Christmas Eve and one on Christmas Day, and who were able to celebrate the Christmas joy with the Child Jesus. Please also pray for the comfort of their families.

We have been working with a team from the City's Regional Response Health Collaborative Program (RRHCP), which supplies us with much needed PPE, provides us with the weekly testing, and helps us with agency staffing. The Philadelphia Department of Public Health also has available a long-term care COVID-19 Positive Relief Unit (CRU) at Chapel Manor to assist facilities with their COVID-19 positive Residents. They are staffed with a team of geriatric nurse practitioners, respiratory therapies, and IV therapy treatment. We will make use of this facility when deemed necessary.

We continue our twice weekly testing and are constantly educating our staff on the proper use of PPE (personal protective equipment) and the importance of wearing masks, social distancing, and handwashing. Our housekeeping staff is working hard cleaning and sanitizing surfaces and high touch areas.

Because of the new positive cases, the Home remains under quarantine and continues to be closed to visitors. We can help set up FaceTime calls and Zoom meetings with your loved ones. If you would like to set one up, please reply to this e-mail (phdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org) and provide us with your name, Resident's name and your phone number. We know it is a poor substitute for an actual face-to-face visit with your loved one, but with the rising number of cases in the community we are trying our best to keep our Residents safe and healthy.

Thank you all for your prayers and for your understanding during this challenging time. On this feast of the Holy Family, we ask Jesus, Mary and Joseph to watch over our Residents, staff, and Sisters of Holy Family Home.

Sincerely,

Mother Catherine Lef

President