

December 4, 2020

Dear Residents, Family Members and Responsible Parties,

It's been almost two weeks since the last update. We were doing well with our twice weekly testing results, until on Wednesday the results came back with one new positive case, a staff member who has no symptoms and is now under quarantine at home.

Because of the new positive case, 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.

The most recent seven-day positivity rate in Philadelphia is now at 14.4% (up from 13.5%), so we remain at twice weekly testing for the staff and once a week for Residents.

We have been receiving preliminary information about the vaccine for the coronavirus. As soon as we receive more details about the vaccine and dates for distribution, we will let you know.

On Tuesday, December 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, the Little Sisters of the Poor throughout the world will renew our religious vows, including our vow of hospitality to the elderly poor. Please remember us in prayer that day, in particular for vocations to our Congregation so that God's work may continue through us.

Thank you all for your prayers and for your understanding during this challenging time. As the number of cases continue to rise, please take care of yourselves too and take all necessary precautions. In the quiet, waiting days of Advent, 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 LOP

President