

December 9, 2020

Dear Residents, Family Members and Responsible Parties,

We are all hearing about the rise in COVID-19 cases. Our twice weekly testing is showing that to be true. Since our last update we have had four new positive cases – three staff and one Resident. The staff members are isolating at home and the Resident has no symptoms and is being isolated and monitored in the room. Please remember them in your prayers.

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. Through a grant, we are having N95 fit testing done, making sure staff is wearing the mask properly.

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](mailto: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.

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.

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 Lopez*

President

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

