



# 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. As we come to the end of the month of May, we continue to call upon our Blessed Mother to intercede on our behalf for an end to the coronavirus pandemic.

We have had a total of ten staff members who have tested positive for COVID-19. Six have recovered from their symptoms and have been cleared to return to work. The other four are still at home recovering.

We are happy to report that there are no new cases in our Personal Care unit, where a total of 10 Residents had tested positive, with two deaths, three recuperating in other skilled nursing rehab facilities, and five who have recovered here at the Home. We also have no new cases in our skilled nursing unit, where a total of two Residents tested positive, with one death and one who has recovered here at the Home.

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.

All staff continue to wear face masks and practice proper hand hygiene. They also wear face shields, gloves and gowns when caring for any Resident with COVID-19. Staff and Residents are still monitored and screened for symptoms every day.

As restrictions are slowly lifted and the weather becomes nicer, more people are out and about in the community. This may increase the risk of our staff coming into contact with others with the virus and bringing it home or to work. Thus we have reminded them to remain vigilant to the practices and guidelines we have put into place. We also ask for the Residents and their families to be patient as we continue to implement the no visitors policy and for Residents to go out only for essential appointments. The sooner we can keep the number of positive cases down in long term care facilities, the sooner restrictions can be lifted.

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. We greatly appreciate your cooperation, understanding, and patience during this challenging time. 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

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