



Little Sisters of the Poor

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Dear Residents, Family Members and Responsible Parties,

Last week we had our second round of COVID-19 testing of all Residents and staff, which came back with no new positive cases. We were thus hopeful that after this week's round of testing we might be able to relax restrictions again. Unfortunately, we had two new positive cases—one staff and one Resident. Both have no symptoms and are under quarantine for 14 days.

In addition, the positivity rate in Philadelphia is at around 7%. When the positivity rate is above 5% we have to test weekly. Therefore, next week we will have another round of testing of all Residents and staff. Mandatory weekly testing will continue until we are 14 consecutive days clear of any positive cases and when the positivity rate in Philadelphia is 5% or less. Please note that you will not hear from us unless your family member tested positive.

Although the testing takes time and is inconvenient, it does have the benefit of alerting us to those who are positive (even if they are showing no symptoms) and being able to take action before it spreads to others. Wearing the additional PPEs is burdensome to the staff, but they know it protects both them and the Residents they are caring for.

We continue 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.

Kelly and Tina in our activities department have been visiting each Resident. They had fun distributing thoughtful gift bags filled with treats and useful items from the Board of St. Francis auxiliary. The rest of our staff and the Sisters are working hard to care for your loved ones as best as they can.

Please join us spiritually in prayer as we remember on All Souls Day and during the month of November all our deceased loved ones, especially our Residents.

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. 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,

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President

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