



Little Sisters of the Poor

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Dear Residents, Family Members and Responsible Parties,

Our testing last Thursday resulted in seven new positives – six Residents and one staff member. The Residents are showing no symptoms and are being cared for in a dedicated wing. They will be isolated for 20 days. The staff member is quarantining at home for 14 days. Please remember them in your prayers. Please also pray for the Sisters and the nursing staff who are caring for all the Residents. It is quite a strain on them, as well as on the staff in the other departments.

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.

This week we will have COVID-19 antibody testing for staff and Residents for those who wish to participate, in order for us to track how many people are developing antibody responses to the COVID-19 virus. Even if the test shows that a person has antibodies, they should still receive the COVID-19 vaccine. As you can hear from the news we should be receiving the vaccine very soon. We will be in touch with you as soon as we receive the consent forms for the vaccine, which will be given to the Residents in our skilled nursing and personal care units. Apartment Residents will need to wait until the vaccine is offered to the general population.

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. 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,

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