



Little Sisters of the Poor

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Dear Residents, Family Members and Responsible Parties,

Our testings this week came up with seven Residents testing positive, most of them showing no symptoms. They are being cared for in dedicated wings and will be isolated for 20 days. Please remember them in your prayers, as well as 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.

In spite of the quarantine, we have the Home brightly decorated for Christmas and holiday music is playing in the units. Various groups have been sending in cards and gifts for the Residents. Kelly and Tina in activities had been going from room to room with Christmas crafts and treats. The Christmas spirit can still be felt at Holy Family Home.

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.

We are still waiting for news on when we might be receiving the vaccine. 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 we approach the birthday of the Christ Child, may we pray in faith and hope for the gift of good health and for an end to the coronavirus pandemic. We wish you all a blessed Christmas.

Sincerely,

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