



Little Sisters of the Poor

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Dear Residents, Family Members and Responsible Parties,

Happy New Year! We pray that it will be a holy, happy, and healthy one for us all, full of hope and peace.

From our latest testing results from last week, we have 1 new positive for Residents and 4 new positives for staff. The Residents continue to be cared for in dedicated wings or in another facility 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.

Please join us in praying for two of our Residents, one of who was 101 years young, who recently passed away. Please also pray for the comfort of their families.

The PA Department of Health was recently here conducting a COVID-19 Focused Infection Control Survey, and we are happy to report that no deficiencies were found. 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.

The first set of our COVID-19 vaccinations will be given to staff and Residents on January 10. We hope this will help us on the path to reopening and ending the pandemic in the not too distant future.

Because of the new positive cases and the 12.1% positivity rate in Philadelphia, 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. May God continue to guide us and to bring healing to our staff, Residents, and Sisters.

Sincerely,

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President

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