

June 8, 2020

Dear Residents, Families and Friends,

In the last week we sense that things are slowly but surely returning to normal here at Jeanne Jugan Residence. It is very encouraging for everyone to see the Residents beginning to feel like themselves as they gain their strength back.

The Residents are eager to come out of quarantine and begin moving around the Home freely, however, in accordance with directives from Mayor Bowser and the DC Health Epidemiology Team, we are maintaining close observation of all Residents and staff for signs of the virus, and isolation of the nursing care Residents in their own rooms continues. Residents at all levels are still eating in their rooms as well.

Following the Mayor's directive all Residents, Sisters and staff have now been tested for Covid-19. We have to commend our director of nursing, Daisy Alzate, and our nursing staff, for performing all of these tests here at our Home.

Among the staff, only two people tested positive last week. Both are now in quarantine. No new Residents have tested positive or manifested symptoms of Covid-19, thank God! Only 1 Resident who suffered through the virus is still awaiting the required second negative test result; the rest are all considered recovered.

Sadly, we did lose one more Resident last week — someone who had had the virus, was considered recovered based on test results, but who proved unable to regain strength and return to their previous level of functioning. The loss of this beloved Resident reminds us all of the high toll Covid-19 has had on the elderly.

Once again, we cannot thank you enough for your generous support and assistance over these past weeks. Life here is beginning to resume a modified schedule and the kitchen once again is receiving its deliveries in a timely manner. **We would like to curtail donations of food items, cleaning supplies, laundry soap, and paper goods at this time.** We have been touched by the outreach of families of current and former Residents, of volunteers who have organized collections through their parishes and communities, by local eateries, and monetary donations given to honor your loved ones and assist us in our work.

Please know of our gratitude and be assured of our prayers for all you are doing for us!

Sister Mary Michael and all the Little Sisters