

September 13, 2021

Dear Residents, Families and Friends,

As you know from our update of September 9, we had qualified to move into the “Controlled Outbreak Phase” at the end of last week, but yesterday afternoon we were notified of another positive COVID test in a staff member, so we once again find ourselves in the “Outbreak Initiation Phase.” In other words, we are once again in lockdown!

It was determined that four Residents from the two nursing units (two from each unit) had been exposed to the affected staff member. They were tested immediately with the rapid COVID test and the results were negative. They, along with all the other Residents, have already been tested with the PCR test as I write this update. All staff are also being tested today/tomorrow.

Contact tracing is being carried out to determine if anyone else was exposed to COVID through this staff member or the four Residents who were exposed. We must all test negative for two consecutive weeks in order to come out of lockdown.

Just like during our last lockdown the following measures will be followed:

1. All first and second floor Residents will be quarantined on their units, with no communal dining, no group activities and no visits to the chapel.
2. The apartment Residents cannot cross over into the rest of the building for any reason; for those who so choose, take-out meals are being delivered to the Villa.
3. All visits from family members and friends must be on hold until we come out of lockdown, except for end-of-life or compassion visits. If you feel that a compassion visit with your loved one is necessary please contact Daisy Alzate, our director of nursing. If we see the need for such a visit with your loved one we will contact you.
4. You may continue to contact Francine Whitley, activities director, to arrange virtual visits via Zoom or FaceTime.
5. Most outside appointments for Residents and Little Sisters will be cancelled and rescheduled at a future date. Only those deemed medically urgent will be kept.
6. All staff will have temperature and symptom screenings three times per shift. Residents will also have temperature, oxygen level and symptom checks several times per day.

The Residents have already been informed of the situation and once again they took the news in stride. One positive thing is that we now have our closed circuit TV system fully functional, so we have more options for in-room entertainment during this lockdown period.

We ask for the support of your prayers and that you continue to stay close to your loved one through phone or virtual visits. This is so important to their overall wellbeing!

God bless you,
Sister Mary Michael and the Little Sisters