

May 21, 2020

Dear Residents, Families and Friends,

You have probably heard that while both Maryland and Virginia have initiated their reopening plans, Mayor Bowser has extended Washington's Stay-At-Home Order through June 8. She has also established a requirement for individuals living in, working in or visiting Washington to wear cloth masks or face coverings.

Although we have had a calmer and healthier week here at Jeanne Jugan Residence than we have seen in the past month, we are still very much in isolation mode and cannot foresee a date when we will be able to allow you to visit your loved one here at the Home. We encourage you to continue to call in to speak to your loved one or set up a virtual visit through our Activity Department.

Sadly, another Resident has died peacefully here at home this past week. While another Resident has been hospitalized since our last letter, we are happy to report that there are no new positive cases of Covid-19 among the Residents. Fourteen Residents who previously tested positive for the virus were retested on May 18; 12 of them tested negative and 2 still tested positive.

No new staff members or Little Sisters have become symptomatic this week. Four of the 10 employees who tested positive have now recovered.

An in-house visit from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the DC Health Epidemiology Department took place on Sunday, May 17. We are grateful for their continuing assistance and consultation. Our plan is to maintain the temporary redistribution of room assignments grouping negative Residents in a different zone from those who tested positive for Covid-19.

We are grateful for all the donations you have sent in terms of monetary assistance, supplies and items for the Residents. We wish to thank the Knights of Columbus and other anonymous donors who have sent medical supplies for our staff. These supplies are quickly consumed, so we are still in need of disposable isolation gowns, gloves, disposable shoe and head coverings, and any type of hand sanitizer and hand wipes. We are also in need of "C" and "D" batteries, which are used in operating our hands-free dispensers.

Our kitchen is still experiencing delays in the delivery of various food items. This week they **would** be grateful for donations of the following items: 16 oz. bottled water; canned peaches, pears and apricots; tomato/Marinara sauce and yogurt (4oz. or 6oz.).

Finally, if you have not already sent us your email address, please send it to Cindy Finelli at sswashington@littlesistersofthepoor.org.

Stay safe and healthy and have a happy Memorial Day!

Sr. Mary Michael and all the Little Sisters