

November 2, 2020

Since our last letter, we are happy to update you with some positive news. The Residents on the nursing units are out of quarantine. None have developed any symptoms of COVID and happily all have tested negative. We continue to monitor temperatures of all Residents as well as signs and symptoms that could cause concern.

We have been able to resume communal dining and communal activities in limited numbers according to the social distancing requirements. We were able to schedule some outdoor visits thanks to several days of good weather. Please continue to contact Francine Whitley in the Activities Department to connect with your loved one for a window visit or a virtual visit via Zoom or FaceTime. Maggie Drew can be contacted to schedule an outdoor visit according to our guidance and as weather permits. As always, you are free to call the nurse on the unit for additional assistance.

The DC Health Nurse Strike Team continues to do a weekly testing of all Staff and Sisters. Initially they would come for a day, but the window of time for testing has been reduced to four hours. We commend our dedicated staff who are faithfully reporting for the testing even though they may not be on duty. We are grateful for their efforts in following all the necessary precautions and guidelines to keep our Residents safe.

Now as colder weather and the holiday season are approaching, everyone is hopeful that indoor visits can be permitted. The Department of Health is setting guidelines with regard to indoor visits. They will be discussing these guidelines with the Administrators of all DC Nursing Facilities with the view of being able to draft individualized policies and procedures.

As you may know, November is a time to honor and remember those who have gone before us. We remember especially this year all victims who died from complications of Covid-19. We will hold your intentions in prayer and have a basket with the names of our deceased Residents, family members and benefactors at the foot of the altar where Masses will be offered during this month.

Thank you for your continued understanding, patience, and support during this time, which have allowed us to give the best possible care to our Residents.

We wish you and your family a Blessed Thanksgiving!

God bless you,

Sister Mary Michael and the Little Sisters