

December 31, 2020

Dear Residents, Families and Friends,

This letter is a follow-up to inform you of the testing results of December 28. First and foremost, we are happy to report that all Residents on both the nursing units and the second floor have been tested for Covid-19 and their results are negative. In addition, the period of isolation for three employees and quarantine for the fourth one has been completed and they have all returned to work.

Unfortunately, December 28's results for our staff revealed four new cases. They are currently in isolation and the facility has completed the appropriate internal contact tracing of the infected individuals to determine who may have been exposed. These new results warrant that we remain in the Phase I level of restrictions already in place.

In addition to the details of the restrictions shared in the letter of December 24, the D.C. Health Nurse Strike team will continue to come to our home every Monday for weekly testing for COVID-19. This will now include every Resident, as well as the staff and Sisters. We will remain on lockdown until the test results of all Residents and all staff/Sisters are negative for **two consecutive** weeks.

As we have been doing all along, we will continue to monitor the Residents for signs and symptoms every 4 hours. Tray service will continue to be provided since communal dining and activities are suspended until further notice. We will also continue with our staff screening while monitoring their temperatures at the beginning, middle, and end of their shifts. All precautionary measures already in place will be continued along with any additional guidance of the CMS-CDC and DC Health.

We are still not able to have outdoor visits for the Residents at this time. Window visits are only permitted from the Resident's room and can be arranged with the Little Sister on the unit. As always, we encourage you to call your loved one directly or telephone the nurse on the unit for assistance. Contact can be made through Francine Whitley, Director of the Activity Department, to arrange for a virtual visit via Zoom or FaceTime. If there are any further questions, please feel free to contact Daisy Alzate, RN or Sister Alphonse Marie.

We wish all of you many blessings throughout the New Year! Please stay safe.

God bless you,

Sr. Mary Michael and all the Little Sisters