

April 8, 2021

Dear Residents, Families and Friends,

We are pleased to bring you the good news that 100% of our staff and Sisters have tested negative for this week's COVID-19 testing. The indoor visitation policy has been submitted to the Healthcare Facility Investigation Team with the recommended revisions and we eagerly await their go-ahead for approval and implementation. In the meantime, we would encourage you to continue scheduling outdoor visits as much as possible by following the same protocol as was indicated in last week's letter.

We wish to inform you at this time that Maggie Drew's last day with us is April 9. We thank her for her service in coordinating all recent admissions and for closely collaborating with families in the organization of Residents' outdoor visitations. The receptionist will be able to help you schedule an outdoor visitation with your loved one. This can be arranged at least 24 hours in advance Monday-Friday by calling between 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Weekend visits should be foreseen and arranged by 5 p.m. on Fridays as well. This includes holiday weekends.

I would also like to clarify the following points concerning window visits. Francine Whitley, our activity director, will still be scheduling window visits in the ground floor conference room, but we would appreciate it if you would schedule all visits 24 hours in advance, including weekend visits, by 4 p.m. Friday. We are not able to accommodate spontaneous, non-scheduled visits out of respect for the Resident and others who may already be scheduled at the same time. As always, the activity department is happy to arrange Zoom conferences and FaceTime calls with your loved ones.

Even though we have been fully vaccinated, we continue to be vigilant and follow the recommendations set for long-term care facilities by DC Health, including wearing face masks, maintaining social distance and using hand sanitizer frequently.

As a reminder, this letter is sent to the first emergency contact person listed in each resident's medical record, but it is also posted on our Home's website. Hopefully, we will be able to give further directives about indoor visitations as soon as we get final approval from the DC Healthcare Team.

God bless you!

Sr. Mary Michael and all the Little Sisters