

May 6, 2021

Dear Residents, Families and Friends,

These past weeks have certainly brought us signs of new life and hope. First and foremost, our COVID-19 weekly testing continues and we are so happy to report that all staff and Sisters have been covid-free for several months now. We have been blessed with God's protection and can assure you everyone's prayers are not going unanswered.

If you recall, a few weeks ago we reached the peak of the cherry blossom season. At that time, we were unable to board our bus and enjoy a scenic drive along the Tidal Basin as in the past due to COVID-19 DC Health restrictions. Instead, the organizers of the Cherry Blossom Petal Parade included our location as part of their route to the delight of everyone. We welcomed the warm weather as happily as the tour of artistically designed cars and live music from atop a tour bus. It was hard to tell who had more fun, our Residents or the parade participants. If you have not already done so, please visit our website @ www.littlesistersofthepoorwashingtondc.org and enjoy the unbelievable festive presentation. We hope you will feel the same palpable joy as we did here that afternoon.

Here are some recent updates to the DC Health Visitation Guidance:

- Visits can be extended beyond 30 minutes.
- Visitors may come from different households.
- Appointments are not required, but we strongly encourage you to contact us to schedule a visit so that we can safely accommodate the number of visitors and have enough staff to ensure safety precautions are monitored and enforced.
- Continuous monitoring of the visit is not required unless indicated for Resident safety.

You may still continue to schedule any outdoor or indoor visitations with your loved one by calling 202-269-1839 and our receptionist can assist you in this regard. It is preferable that while planning a visit for Saturday, Sunday, or Monday, as well as for days during the week, you call between 9AM – 5PM Monday through Friday. As always, we thank you for your continual patience and cooperation.

We wish to extend warm wishes to all Mothers for blessings for Mother's Day and look forward to sharing more updates with you once we receive further guidance from DC Health.

God bless you and your families!

Sr. Mary Michael and all the Little Sisters