

January 12, 2022

Dear Families and Friends,

It has only been a few days since our last letter of January 8. As you know from that update, we had one Resident in the nursing unit who tested positive for COVID-19 and is currently in isolation, with mild symptoms. As previously stated, this result placed us in the “Outbreak Initiation Phase” at the end of last week. Subsequently, we have tested all Residents of the nursing units, as well as the staff and Sisters.

Those results, received over the past few days, have revealed that some staff members are positive for COVID-19. All these individuals did not have direct contact with the Residents and are currently in isolation at home.

An additional CNA had contact with 5 Residents in the nursing units. They were also placed in quarantine at this time. Four of these Residents are Covid-negative, but unfortunately, the fifth one in this group tested positive. Thankfully, that Resident does not appear to have symptoms and we are monitoring everyone every 4 hours. Our dedicated staff is following protocol for wearing full PPE while giving direct care to these Residents.

The Outbreak Initiation Phase warrants that weekly testing be done on Residents, staff, and Sisters until we receive two consecutive weeks of negative results for everyone. As an additional precaution, we did a rapid test on the second-floor Residents, whose results were all negative.

We have been in close contact with the epidemiology team at DC Health. We continue to be advised to limit the activities we mentioned in our last letter. The Residents in the nursing units may circulate outside their rooms while wearing a face mask and may have visitors but may not yet leave the unit.

We appreciate everyone’s assistance in adhering to the strictest infection control protocols and screening which can be reviewed again in our letter of January 8, 2022. Without a doubt, you know of or have experienced first-hand the effects of the coronavirus and we wish to keep our Residents as safe as possible. Since wearing face masks is crucial, it would be best not to share food during your visit at this time. We will be more than happy to warm up the food for the Residents’ meal.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Daisy Alzate, RN or Sister Alphonse Marie. We will keep you posted with results and updates as they unfold.

Thank you once again for your support and understanding.

God bless you!

Mother Mary Michael

P.S. The guidance we are following for each of these “Outbreak” phases was issued by DC Health and is entitled “Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Guidance for Skilled Nursing Facilities & Assisted Living Residences.” You can find the link below.

https://coronavirus.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/coronavirus/page_content/attachments/Guidance_SNF_ALR_DCHealth_COVID-19_2021.12.8_FINAL.pdf