

August 11, 2022

Dear Families and Friends,

I am happy to send you this update on the situation related to COVID-19 in our Home this summer.

First of all, Residents, Sisters and eligible staff were offered the 2nd COVID-19 booster shot on July 8, 2022. In addition, some staff members have received the booster from the pharmacy of their choice. Receiving the 2nd booster keeps healthcare workers up to date with their vaccination.

Eligible staff members, volunteers, consultants and contractors who have opted not to receive the second booster are required to submit PCR test results at least weekly, or twice a week during the week they are in the Home, per DC Health guidance. Out of an abundance of caution, the number of volunteers currently coming into the Home is very small.

Also regarding testing, health care workers returning from international trips must have a negative PCR test result 3-5 days upon their return to the U.S. before resuming work in the Home.

A negative rapid test result is needed from a positive staff member, 10 days after isolation before returning to work.

At this time some Residents are still undergoing testing at least every 5-7 days due to exposure to a positive staff member. Everyone remains negative and they are monitored closely for signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

Due to the positivity rate in the district, our staff continue to wear a face shield and facemask during Resident interaction/care in the nursing care units.

Due to the increasing number of monkeypox cases in D.C. we are being vigilant and currently monitoring our Residents who are returning from the hospital, including new admissions. The Home is currently in servicing our staff regarding monkeypox. We are notifying the D.C. Department of Health whenever we have a new admission or readmission from the hospital as part of their surveillance for monkeypox.

Thank God there are no COVID-19 or monkeypox cases among our Residents at this time. There were 2 positive cases of COVID-19 among staff members in July. They had mild symptoms and both have returned to work. There were also 2 positive cases of COVID-19 in August among the staff members; these individuals are still out for isolation.

I thank you for your cooperation in following all the required protocols, and encourage you to keep up your visits and/or phone calls to your loved one in the Home.

We had a lively celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly at the end of July and now we are preparing for the feast of our foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan, on August 30. If you have any special intentions you would like to confide to her please let us know. And please do continue to pray for all at Jeanne Jugan Residence, that everyone may flourish in good health and happiness!

God bless you,

Sr Margaret Regina, lsp