

January 2, 2023

Dear Residents, Families and Friends,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful holiday season! Here at Jeanne Jugan Residence we were able to have beautiful holiday celebrations despite the reappearance of COVID in the house.

Beginning the week of Christmas several staff members and two Residents tested positive for COVID and have been in quarantine. Each case surfaced individually; contact tracing and testing were done rapidly and the number of cases was thus kept to a minimum. Because we had already resumed masking as the transmission level in the District rose during December we were able to avoid a real outbreak. Thank God!

Unaffected Residents and staff were able to continue with life as usual, all while wearing masks and practicing the hand hygiene and social distancing procedures that have become so familiar to us.

The Home remains open for visitation, but visits are only allowed in the Residents' rooms, in the designated visitation room near the lobby, or outdoors. We also ask that everyone wear a face medical mask (no cloth mask) or higher level (example KN95 or N95 without valves) and follow strict hand hygiene. If a family member or visitor is unvaccinated or if visiting an unvaccinated Resident, please maintain 6 feet social distancing.

Currently the COVID-19 transmission level in the District of Columbia is high and all staff members are wearing surgical/ procedure face masks and face shields in the Residents' care areas until the level goes down for 2 consecutive weeks. Full PPE (N95, face shield, gown and gloves) must be worn when entering the quarantined rooms and isolation room.

Everyone is vigilant in monitoring symptoms of COVID-19, FLU and other respiratory issues among staff members and Residents. We thank you in advance for your cooperation with masking etc. as warranted by the current transmission level.

We rang in the New Year Saturday evening with an enjoyable party and hope that this is just the first of many joyful events to be held at Jeanne Jugan Residence during 2023.

Once again I wish you a Happy New Year full of God's blessings!

Mother Margaret Regina and the Little Sisters