

April 4, 2024

Dear Family and Friends,

A few days ago we celebrated the feast of Easter where Christians believe Christ rose from the dead and saves us from the power of darkness. This reminder encourages us to live as people of hope, and trust that the Lord's love and mercy are always with us. Even in the midst of seeing signs of new life as spring begins, we are also reminded of the need to maintain our vigilance to protect ourselves from the Coronavirus. Over time we have witnessed a pattern of being exposed to COVID-19 after family gatherings and other large events but have also come a long way over the past few years in dealing with this very contagious virus.

Unfortunately, this update letter is to inform you that we are once again in "Outbreak Phase" with 'one new Covid-19 case in Residents or Staff as determined by DC Health.' One Resident on the nursing unit exhibited cold-like symptoms and tested positive on April 3, but is in isolation at this time.

Residents are free to circulate and participate in limited communal dining, group activities, and chapel services. We remain very vigilant and are monitoring the signs and symptoms of the Residents during this time.

We encourage you to come and visit as usual. As in the past we ask all visitors, staff members, contractors, and volunteers to continue the daily screening process upon arrival at our Home and to maintain hand hygiene by use of the hand sanitizers throughout the facility. Wearing facemasks are optional, but preferred while visiting on the nursing unit.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Daisy Alzate, DON or Sister Alphonse Marie, Administrator at (202) 269-1831.

May we be an "Alleluia" people by spreading the Good News as we echo the words of our Mother Foundress, St Jeanne Jugan: "Let us sing the glory of our Risen Jesus!"

God bless you.

Mother Margaret Regina & the Little Sisters