

August 12, 2024

Dear Family and Friends,

It has been a long time since we have had to send out one of these letters, but unfortunately we are writing now to inform you that we are once again in COVID-19 "Outbreak Phase." Five Residents on the nursing unit tested positive on August 12. Four of them are exhibiting cold symptoms and one is asymptomatic. All five Residents are currently in isolation.

Unaffected 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 screening process in place upon arrival at our Home and to maintain hand hygiene by using the hand sanitizers throughout the building. We ask that you wear a face mask during your visit and that you monitor for COVID-19 signs and symptoms for 14 days after your visit.

We are thankful for the many months that have passed since our last COVID outbreak and are confident that this, too shall pass! We look forward to celebrating the feast of Our Lady's Assumption into Heaven later this week, and the feast of our foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan, on August 30. We confide all of our residents and their loved ones to her intercession.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Daisy Alzate, DON or Nilla Ballesteros, Infection Preventionist at (202) 269-1831.

God bless you.

Mother Margaret Regina & the Little Sisters