

December 16, 2020

To the Residents and families of our Residents,

Here we are, just about a week from Christmas, and as the snow is beginning to fall, please keep your mind set on the true meaning of this Advent Season and prepare for the celebration of the Coming of Christ, not on the many challenges that we face in the midst of this Pandemic. We are trying to keep the spirit of the house festive for the residents. All units are decorated, every resident has a decoration on the door of their room, Christmas music plays all day long from the chapel, which residents can access on their televisions. The activity staff held a cookie baking demo on television for the residents yesterday and then delivered a fresh cookie to their rooms.

This update is to tell you GOOD NEWS, all residents we tested for Covid either Monday or Tuesday this week and all tested negative. We have one resident in the house who remains quarantined in isolation with Covid. All others have recovered. All the Units in the nursing home remain in YELLOW quarantine and will do so at least till after Christmas due to potential exposure to the virus.

Unfortunately, there is not so good news too. The testing of our staff yesterday identified three new cases testing positive. These staff members have been put off work for at least the next 10 days. We have several others off work recovering from previous positive tests or as a caution because they have had exposure to the virus from someone in their family or they have symptoms that may indicate the virus, even though they tested negative. We will test all staff again tomorrow (Thursday 12/17).

We are anxiously awaiting official news about when we will receive the Covid Vaccine for our residents and staff. We anticipate we will not have it until early January. We have some information about the vaccine on our website, and ask you to visit there to read what we have available about it. If you are the primary resident contact, you will be contacted for permission for your family member to receive it. We certainly are encouraging that all residents and staff who are able should receive it. It is a two part vaccine and we think the potential side effects are outweighed by the potential benefits that will result from being vaccinated. We have to do what we can to slow the spread of this Virus.

Please keep us in your prayers, and please be safe in your personal life. God bless you

Sr. Joachim Anne