

December 27, 2020

Dear Family Members of our Residents,

Having long anticipated it, Christmas came and hopefully all of us had a different but peaceful celebration of it and have a greater appreciation of the values that make Christmas special since many of them were denied us this year: large gatherings with family and friends, public Christmas programs that lift the spirits with song and traditions, elaborated decorations in homes, businesses and churches and religious services as the focal point of the true meaning of Christmas celebration. Our Christmas was quiet, but special none the less with Mass from our chapel on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, visits from Santa Claus the three days before, special meals and treats, and, for many of our residents, virtual visits with loved ones. It was not the same as in the past, but special, none the less.

Unfortunately, as you know, we have positive cases of Covid among residents on the E-1 unit, with one additional resident testing positive over the weekend, totaling 5 at this time. We continue to monitor residents and act promptly to treat symptoms that arise when testing positive. We know the exposure that results in this outbreak, most likely happened up to two weeks ago when we extended the quarantine period. All residents will be tested again this week.

We tested staff last week and results were delayed because of the long holiday weekend. One additional staff member came back positive. All others came back negative. In our ongoing vigilance, staff will be tested again twice this week.

We received word on Christmas Eve that CVS Omnicare Pharmacy, one of the two the agents the Commonwealth of PA. is using for Covid Vaccinations for residents and staff will be onsite January 2 and 3, 2020 to do our first round of inoculations. If you are the resident's primary contact, and have not been contacted yet, you will receive information to register residents to receive the vaccine. The vaccine is recommended, but not mandatory and receiving it may depend on some peoples' present medical conditions.

We will keep you informed as other information comes forth and as Covid related conditions within the facility change. We anticipate another spike in cases in our country within two weeks of the holidays. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. Thank you for your understanding and the affirmation given our staff for the exceptional care and services they are providing daily.

God bless you as we continue through this Christmas Season and into the New Year. Be safe.

Sr. Joachim Anne, Administrator.