

December 9, 2020

To the Families of our Residents,

In order to keep you more informed, in the rapidly changing situation in our county with the radical rise in cases, we may be sending updates more than once each week. As we have said repeatedly, we continue to use all infection control procedures required, all PPE (of which we have a very adequate supply) and the testing strategy required by the State, based on the positivity rate in the county. Currently we are testing all staff twice each week, and resident in the Nursing Facility and in the Personal Care Residence (OLAR) once each week.

Based on the resident testing this week, all tests were negative (for both the Nursing Facility and OLAR) except for one resident in the Nursing Facility who tested positive. That resident's family was personally notified of this result.

Based on the first testing of the staff this week on Tuesday, Dec. 8th, two staff members tested positive. We currently have 9 staff members out on quarantine because of positive test results. Some have gone beyond the required 10 quarantine days, but remain out because of their physical inability to return to work yet. All staff will be tested again Thursday, Dec. 10th.

All units remain in some degree of quarantine in both the Nursing Facility and in OLAR. Dates for relaxing restrictions are pending, based on potential exposure to persons who tested positive. This, of course limits visits to virtual. We will send a notice when window visits are possible.

The Virus is an ongoing and very dangerous threat to all of us. As we just heard, even the Governor of Pennsylvania has now tested positive and is in quarantine.. The same holds true for many notable persons in our State and across the country.

Please be safe, protect yourself and others by your adherence to recommended masking, physical distancing and hand hygiene. We sincerely appreciate your support and prayers as we continue to do our very best on behalf of all your loved ones. OUR STAFF are to be commended for their steadfastness, dedication and sensitivity to the holistic needs of each resident. THIS Pandemic is not easy on any of us, and we are very aware of the social and psychological impact it has on our residents. To boost residents' spirits the house is being decorated for Christmas and special activity programs are in place within the guidance of quarantine limits. Many families are sending or brining in decorations for residents rooms and doors. PLEASE REMEMBER – NO LIVE WREATHS or TREES for resident room. NO HOME MADE FOOD ITEMS. Plants and flowers are accepted. Please convey this information to other family members.

God Bless you. Sister Joachim Anne, Administrator