

October 29, 2020



Dear Families of our Residents,

I am grateful to end this beautiful month of October on a very positive note! At present everyone in our Home — Residents, Sisters and staff — are free of COVID-19. Because of the possibility of close proximity with others outside of our Home, some situations of quarantine still exist.

Every Wednesday U of L Hospital comes in to do the weekly testing of Sisters and staff. Beginning this week, we will have to increase the testing to twice a week.

For those of you who follow the Governor's daily hour-long briefing at 4 p.m., you will be aware that in our county, Jefferson County, we are in the high red zone percentage of increases in the number of COVID-19 cases. For this reason, we are required to now begin doing the nasal testing twice a week. Residents will continue to be tested as symptoms present.

I would like to say once again, how grateful I am to all our staff, who make every effort to follow the regulations, for the safety and welfare of our Residents. Besides the duties of their individual departments and job descriptions, anyone within our walls knows that our staff go well beyond the "call of duty" to bring warmth, caring, smiles, and happiness to the residents. These months have made us a family, more than ever.

We put a video on our website, during which several Residents spoke about "living during COVID-19". They spoke about what they liked, found hard and difficult during these days. One Resident simply said, with a deep sigh, "I wish I had a pizza from Papa John's." Well, someone watching online heard that, and the headquarters here in Louisville were contacted and told about it. To everyone's delight, Papa John's is sending each Resident, Sister and staff member their own box with their own personal size pizza and a brownie! Thank you, Papa John's!

Please send me any ideas or suggestions you have, any ideas to help make the time go by with joy and excitement, contentment and some good ole fun! Everyday together we pray in our hearts for God to stop this pandemic, and bring health and peace to our world. We know that God hears our prayers and those of the elderly.

Of course, we will have our own "Trick or Treaters," who will march, dance and jump all around the outside of our building, waving and some wondering what it is all about in this big house! Our treats will be on tables on the front porch, all wrapped safely and ready for little hands to pick the bags up!

Always you are in our thoughts and prayers. This time of being away from your dear ones is terribly hard. Let us know how we make it easier for you and for them.

God bless you, Happy Halloween! Happy All Saints Day! And remember the Souls in Purgatory on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mother Paul, lsp