

October 18, 2020

Dear Families of our Residents,

It makes me so very happy and proud to send you these updates from our Home. The weeks go by so quickly, and amazingly, the days pass faster than before the COVID-19 pandemic started!

At present all Residents are virus-free; all Staff and all Sisters are also free of COVID.

Just a short resume:

- We are testing our staff and Sisters every Wednesday;
- Residents are tested individually if they show symptoms associated with COVID-19.
- All Residents will be tested if someone has been in contact with COVID-19 and has been giving care to the Residents;
- It is necessary to quarantine a Resident area if someone caring for them has come into contact with COVID-19.
- U of L Hospital is our testing provider; they bring the testing materials, take care of the billing, perform the individual tests, and send the test results with 2-48 hours.
- We are now equipped to do the Rapid COVID-19 testing if there is an immediate concern about a Resident or staff or Sister. The results from this can be read in 15 minutes. These are just for emergency.

The family spirit is alive in our Home. Everyone goes out of their way to have a smile, a kind word, an optimistic outlook, a helping hand. Giving the Residents the chance to make their choices in their daily needs, activities that are meaningful and entertaining, prayer gatherings throughout the day, and meals that one can look forward to, are so important. We thank God that we are all well. Everyone in the Home, even those "essential" people who need to come in, take all the precautions required. With the virus index fluctuating, masks are a priority, handwashing and distancing a must.

Our end of the year newsletter will soon be coming into your mailbox, telling you of our new initiative for celebrating the birth of Jesus. For Christmas this year, we are going to plant Christmas trees in the courtyard, which will be decorated and have the beautiful Christmas lights all over them.! (Then all we will need is snow!) It will look so lovely!

At the end of October three of our employees will be retiring. Jeanette Stephens, our Director of Nursing, who has been with us 28 years; George Amback, our faithful driver and friend, with us 29 years; and Bill Brewer, our Human Resource Director here for the past 6 years. We wish them God's blessings, and our gratitude to them for their devoted service, loving and excellent care of the residents and Home, will never be forgotten.

I assure you of the prayers of the Sisters and Residents; thank you for all your help with sending us the needed supplies, the treats for the Residents' snacks, the help shopping for us, who cannot go out.

Enjoy the beautiful autumn! Be safe and please stay well, and may God bless you all,

Mother Paul, lsp