

COVID 19 UPDATE

June 18, 2021

Dear Family members and Friends,

We hope you are all doing well as we approach the official opening of summer!

I have only good news to report, thank God. Everyone continues to be well. Our unvaccinated staff members only need to be tested monthly now, except if they show symptoms.

This has enabled us to welcome back more of our trusty volunteers. This past Tuesday, a lively contingent of faithful “Bed Makers” was welcomed with open arms by the Residents and Little Sisters. One Resident had told me a few weeks ago, “I miss them, Mother. It’s not so much about the beds—I like to *talk* to them!” Other volunteers have also been most welcome in the dining room, laundry, etc. We were able to disassemble our “Covid Unit” and a volunteer is working hard to restore this large, beautiful space that will regain its identity as the “Craft room.”

We still must observe social distancing when we gather, so we have had some outdoor activities, including a Flag Raising ceremony on June 14th, assisted by the Knights of Columbus, and a presentation of Belize dances by a small troupe yesterday. Happily, the cicadas which were very bothersome here have started to disperse!

We look forward to seeing some of you this weekend as we have “hallway” happy hours to honor the fathers among us and all our gentlemen Residents.

While we rejoice in progress made here, we are mindful that it is not that way in all our Homes. Please pray for our Little Sisters and Residents who are still struggling with the coronavirus, especially in Colombia and India.

And be assured that you and your loved ones are always in our prayers!

God bless you,

Mother Mary Richard