

August 5, 2021

Dear Family and Friends,

I want to let you know that, as of today, we have one staff member, one volunteer and three Residents who have tested positive for Covid-19.

The staff member and volunteer will not be coming to the Home for the required number of days and the Residents are being treated in the hospital. All but one of these five persons had been fully vaccinated.

This is disappointing; even though we have had an occasional employee who was exposed and had to stay out of work, we have had no Residents affected in a very long time. For the time being, the Residents must remain in their rooms and there will be no visitation or celebration of Mass or other communal activities. Window visits at the Resident's own window are still possible whenever you wish. If you need help arranging this please call Oglanda in Social Services.

Last week, thankfully, we were able to have our socially distanced in-house "State Fair" that featured many of the usual fun activities of the State Fair: Pie-throwing contest, corn-shucking, hog calling contest, etc. Today we are beginning "August with St. Jeanne Jugan," a month-long series of activities aimed at helping all the Residents and staff, especially those who have joined us during the pandemic, to get to know our Mother Foundress better and the wonderful legacy of "tenderness" she has left us. This will continue despite the lockdown situation, thanks to the creativity of all the presenters.

We are in communication with Health Department officials for guidance as we navigate this new bump in the road. Be assured that we will keep you posted. Please pray with us for an end to this pandemic in all parts of the world.

God bless you,

*Mother Mary Richard*

