

Mother's Update

July 15, 2020

Hello everyone,

I want to give you a little update on our COVID-19 situation here at the Jeanne Jugan Center. Since our last update in June, we've had everyone in the Home tested, and I am happy to report that everyone – Residents, staff, and Sisters – tested negative for the virus. We are grateful for everyone's dedication, and for their strict following of the safety measures and regulations in order to show their care for the Residents and co-workers. Moving forward, we will test any Residents who display symptoms, as well as randomly test 10% of staff and Sisters every two weeks, focusing on those who have the most contact with the Residents.

This pandemic is not yet over, and we continue our other precautionary practices in the Home, including frequent staff education sessions which offer refreshers on proper hand washing, social distancing, use of personal protection equipment, and infection control protocols. We also encourage our employees to reasonably limit their contacts when out in the local community, wearing their masks and practicing social distancing, in order to lower their chances of contracting the virus.

Although we must continue our "no visitors" policy, and cannot yet welcome outside visitors to our Home, it will now be possible for our Residents and Little Sisters to attend Mass in our chapel three times a week. This is a welcome change after having to participate via television for so many months. All of the safety precautions will be followed, with everyone wearing masks and practicing social distancing for the services.

We wish you well, and greatly appreciate your support and understanding as we all move forward, working together to keep each other safe and healthy.

God bless you,

Mother Margaret