

COVID-19 Update

December 11, 2020

Dear Friends,

I'm writing today to tell you that since our last update, we have, unfortunately, had 2 Residents and 2 staff members test positive for the Coronavirus. After receiving the results, the positive employees immediately left the property to isolate at their homes, and will not return to work until they are at least 10 days with no symptoms.

For the Residents, we have moved them to the unit of the house that had been set aside several months ago as our designated special care unit in case of need. The Residents will have employees dedicated to their care and we will be following all necessary precautions in their regard. We are reinforcing all of the infection control protocols throughout the house so that the virus will not continue to spread. All the recommendations of CMS and CDC are being strictly followed.

Because of these positive findings, we are not able to go back to our "normal" activities right now. As much as possible the Residents will remain in their rooms until everyone is negative again. We will make arrangements for hall walks with staff so that they can keep active, and the Activity department will continue providing a modified program. Mass will be viewed on TV and communion brought to those who wish to receive it. We want to do all that we can to meet their psycho-social needs while keeping them well and safe.

Christmas is just around the corner. Already the Home is getting into a festive mode. Christmas music is being played on the PA system and decorations are going up. The Residents and staff are in good spirits, and we want to do all we can to make this time easier for them. The Lord is coming anew into our lives during this Advent season and we welcome Him into our hearts. We pray for you and your family and trust on your prayerful support of our home.

God bless you, stay well, and stay safe,
Mother Margaret