

January 28, 2022

Dear Family and Friends,

Greetings on this beautiful, sunny Friday. I want to give you an update on our recent COVID-19 outbreak status. Since I last wrote you, we have been doing on-going testing throughout the week for both residents and staff.

Last week was certainly challenging for us. While we had two residents that tested positive who did not have symptoms, we had six staff test positive -- in addition to the staff already off work taking care of family or recovering themselves. We are beyond grateful to all of our staff for pulling together and working longer hours to ensure our residents continued to have proper care. The apartment residents all tested negative, but were asked to not come over to the Home side during this outbreak for everyone's safety.

This week I am relieved and grateful to report that we only had one staff member test positive. All other residents tested negative this week – praise God! Everyone is fully vaccinated and seems to be recovering well with no major complications. Resident continue to attend Mass, have modified activities and distance more in the dining room. We still would request that you be very discerning in taking your loved one out. The positivity rate is still so very high. There is a spirit of enthusiasm in the Home this week as residents and staff are anxiously awaiting the big football game on Sunday.

We will continue to test staff and residents weekly and on-going as needed until we come out of this outbreak and the overall community positivity drops to a safer level. Please do not grow weary of praying for us as we continue to pray for you. Especially, please remember all care-givers and pray that they will have strength in health and mind to endure during these fragile times.

God bless you,

*Mother Margaret Patricia and the Little Sisters*