

March 14, 2021

Dear Residents, Families, and Friends,

Just recently, on February 25th, we sent you a very positive update. However, since then we did have one person, not among the Residents, who tested positive but did not have any symptoms. Other than that, we have continued to have 100% negative Covid tests. Keep in mind that one positive result among staff can result in increased restrictions.

Eagerly we await guidance allowing visitation, but we wish to let you know that we still must follow guidelines from both CMS and the State specifically for nursing homes. You have perhaps heard that some places are opening up as a result of new CDC guidelines, however we want to let you know that **we cannot do this until we receive updated guidance specifically for nursing homes.**

Please know that “**scheduled compassionate visits**” can be arranged through Nursing. However, we must limit the amount of people inside the Home at any given time. Also, we wanted to let you know that the new CDC guidance in reference to eating meals, with those who have been vaccinated outside of normal household members, does not apply to health care employees.

For the product **Alexa Echo Dot**, we are not permitted to have them in our Home because of potential HIPAA issues. We would be happy to offer advice on alternative instruments, as mentioned in a previous memo, such as IPAD/face time, View Clix etc. to connect with your loved ones.

You might be feeling frustrated at the restrictions still being imposed, yet things are slowly progressing and there is still a lot of HOPE, which makes us thank GOD. Spring is almost here, and the flowers are pushing through the ground outside, the robins are singing, and so our turn is coming. Please don't give up HOPE!

We are looking forward to celebrating the feast of St. Patrick and the feast of St. Joseph, our Protector; and then EASTER is right around the corner. I will write again to let you know the latest details from our Home.

Let us pray for one another!

God bless you, Sr. Margaret Regina and all the Little Sisters