

May 8, 2020

Dear Family Members,

Since our last communication, we have not had any new cases of Covid-19! On April 27, when isolation was terminated for the Resident who did have the virus, a deep disinfection was done of the room. Recently, one of our other Residents had to be hospitalized for medical reasons and of course, while there, was tested for Covid-19. Thanks be to God, after being tested three times, the results remained negative! The Resident is home now and in prophylactic isolation as is normally done when a Resident leaves the Home for an appointment or hospitalization.

Our staff have benefited from the generosity of family members of living and deceased Residents, as well as benefactors, for a weekly lunch. It is prepared by our kitchen staff and they can enjoy it on their lunch break. Those of the evening shift enjoy the same hot meal while those of the night shift find a box lunch (same meal) in the refrigerator with their name on it.

Something that is in the “early talking stages” is to prepare for dining possibilities once we are no longer in quarantine. Even when the Residents return to the dining rooms, a new arrangement will have to be put into place to provide for social distancing.

We have been supplied with PPE (Personal Protective Equipment), but we could always use more disinfecting wipes. You can understand how easily they are used up. We know that it is hard for anyone to get them; you have to be like “the early bird who catches the worm.” If someone happens to go to a store shortly after a supply comes in, they hit the jackpot. If by chance you hit the jackpot, would you remember us? Thank you!

I'll end with again telling of the goodness of people. Some of our Associates Jeanne Jugan agreed to shop for the apartment Residents once they could no longer leave the property. Our driver was also included in the shopping brigade. When it became imprudent to ask the Associates to do this any longer, another idea was put into place. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus, who brought paper and laundry products, and a benefactor, the owner of TNT Liquidators, who brought a large supply of toiletries, items were placed on a rack and two Little Sisters go around to the apartments on Monday afternoons, to offer the Residents what they need. Our driver still goes out for the needs of the Home and for the Residents, sometimes coming back with nothing because of the shortage of items. You can relate to that!

Your loved ones miss you and we miss seeing you too! Visit our website for Covid-19 updates and don't forget to click on the blog as well. God bless you all!

Sincerely,