

December 28, 2021

Dear Family Members,

Last week, we told you that a Resident and an employee tested positive for Covid. After our letter, another employee had symptoms and tested positive. With our testing this week, we were hoping all would test negative and we could live a “normal” life during the holiday season. However, the results for nine more employees were positive! All those who have tested positive went home and even some who tested negative, but who showed symptoms were asked to go home.

What does this mean for visiting? According to the New York State Department of Health, visitation can still take place. However, we highly discourage visiting during this time.

We celebrated Christmas as best we could under the circumstances. The highlight for the second floor Residents was the possibility to attend Mass in the chapel on Christmas Day! They had not been in the chapel since the restrictions were put in place after the Resident and employee tested positive. As happens each year, there was Mass at Midnight which was advanced to 4:30 p.m. The special supper followed, but this time, they could not all gather in the auditorium. On Christmas Day, there was again a special meal. Christmas music could be heard here and there and “Merry Christmas” was the word for the day. The Christmas spirit was still alive!

We will test again following CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention) and NYS Department of Health guidelines and hope that there will not be any new cases. Those who tested positive will be out for 10 days unless the Department of Health reduces the time.

Keep safe! The Little Sisters join me in wishing you a Happy New Year! God bless you all.

Sincerely,

*Sr. Joseph Caroline, l.s.p.*