

May 5, 2020

Hello everyone,

Our situation here at St. Mary's continues to evolve, and God's Providence continues to watch over us each day. I'm happy to report that yesterday we received the remaining outstanding results of our April 21 testing (1 Little Sister, 1 Apartment Resident, 1 Employee). All were negative.

As we know, however, a negative test result isn't definitive and so I have to unfortunately report that one of our St. Mary's Home Residents who tested negative on April 21 has now tested positive. This Resident had been to the emergency room in the interim for a non-COVID-related condition and then had to return to the hospital for admission. During this admission the resident was found to be positive for the virus. We are also awaiting results for the retesting of another Resident.

In the past few days we have learned of positive test results for two of our staff members. Again, one of these had tested negative on April 21. Both have been away from the Home for some time.

In the midst of all of this, we continue to rejoice in the daily joys that happen all around us, like watching a Resident "give" a kiss to her daughter through the Ipads which a friend so generously donated to us. Or watching our employees enjoy the Mexican meal provided for them today by our Neighborhood Association, in honor of Cinco de Mayo. God is very good to us, and as daughters of Jeanne Jugan we can only thank him.

One last note – please send up a special prayer for our Religious Liberty case which will be heard "virtually" by the Supreme Court tomorrow. Our sincere hope is that this will bring a conclusion to this very long process.

God bless,

Sr. Julie, lsp