

June 10, 2020

Hello everyone,

As the days get longer outside, they still seem to pass quickly within our walls. Since I last wrote, we have received 2 more confirmed positive cases of coronavirus among our staff. We are implementing the weekly testing of Residents, staff and Sisters now recommended by CMS & IDPH. This will continue until we have two consecutive weeks with no positive cases among any of the three groups.

Yesterday we had a visit from State surveyors to assess our response to the pandemic. Their focus was infection control, especially on the dedicated unit for the COVID positive Residents. They will continue their work remotely tomorrow, and we will wait for their final report.

We continue to offer frequent staff education sessions which include encouragement for staff to reasonably limit their contacts when out in the local community, wearing their masks and practicing social distancing, so that they don't pick up the virus and become carriers at home and at work.

In spite of the reopening taking place in our local community, our quarantine is still in effect. Some individuals are assuming that because the cities are starting to open up they can come here to visit our residents in the building or in the yard; neither is OK yet—but hopefully will be soon!

God bless,

Sr. Julie, lsp