

December 11, 2020

Hello everyone,

Some of you may be old enough to remember the song from the musical *Mame*, “We Need a Little Christmas.” Boy, do we need it this year! Not just the lights and decorations, which our employees are doing a wonderful job of putting up inside and out, but most especially the hope that the celebration of the coming of our Savior brings. In these last weeks of the year, we pray that you may know this hope in your hearts.

Meanwhile our upside-down world keeps turning around, and we are all watching and waiting for an end to the pandemic. I’m happy to report that this week all of the Sisters and Residents tested negative for the virus. We had one employee positive and, of course, that person will be off work for the standard time of quarantine.

We Sisters will be able to be back around the house next Tuesday, the 15th. As I said, our employees and, from the outside, lay Associates and volunteers, have done a wonderful job of looking after things while we’ve been up here. We can’t wait to see everyone, though!

The reality of a vaccine is coming closer and closer, and we are reading attentively all government advisories about it ([cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)). While we still don’t have information or fact sheets to be able to share with you, we do need to begin preparations for distribution, and so will be sending out consent forms in the near future. As soon as we have other documentation we can share, we will send that as well.

Know of our prayers for you and those you love during this challenging and, yes, even scary time. Be assured of our commitment to doing all we can to keep our Residents safe and healthy, and to work with you to do what is best for them.

God bless,

Sr. Julie, lsp