

August 17, 2020

To: All family members of a current Resident at St. Martin's and to our friends

As you are aware, weekly testing continues here in the Home. However, with the increase of testing State-wide, it is causing a backlog of tests results and we just received the remainder of last week's round of testing. For the past 2 weeks, the Residents were tested along with the Staff and Sisters. All the Residents and Little Sisters are negative. However, I want to let you know that out of all these tests, one staff member has tested positive. This individual was asymptomatic but will be off duty and on self-quarantine for 2 weeks and will have 2 negative test results before returning to work.

The 2 staff members who previously tested positive several weeks ago have been on quarantine for 14 days and now have obtained 2 negative test results and will be returning to work as scheduled.

Please know that we are monitoring daily temperatures and completing the attestation questions of being asymptomatic prior to each shift and if any employee is experiencing the slightest of symptoms, they are not allowed access to St. Martin's Home. They are to self-quarantine and have two negative tests before returning to work. Good handwashing, wearing masks, staying 6 feet apart and good infection control practices are our best chance to ward off this invisible enemy.

We continue to do all we can to minimize the risk of the coronavirus (COVID-19) by following the guidance of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance, and State recommendations, which at this time does not allow us to have in person family visits. Please continue your window visits.

Each Little Sister and staff member is committed fully to the welfare and safety of our Residents. May God continue to bless you and your family and join us in praying for an end to this pandemic.

Most sincerely,

Mother Joseph Caroline, I.s.p.
Superior