

May 3, 2020

Dear Family Members and Friends,

We are pleased to share with you the good news that as of today there are no new cases of COVID-19 here, at St Augustine Home! This strengthens our hope and confidence, knowing that the restrictions and practices we have put into place from the guidance of the CDC and ISDH, is in fact working. While we are optimistic this virus will slowly begin to lessen in its severity, we must stay vigilant in our current practices in order to protect our Residents. Therefore, Residents continue to remain in their rooms with meals brought to them. The Activity Department continues to provide Residents with fun and exciting activities that can be enjoyed from their room, along with one-on-one and virtual visits.

As for the area of our Home affected by COVID-19, Lourdes Unit, all 8 Residents in droplet isolation will continue with this practice, even past their 14-day positive diagnosis, until further notice. They continue to be closely monitored and cared for by selected staff members. The 8 residents are doing very well and in good spirits. Meetings with our Medical Director in regards to health and well-being of all the Residents in our Home occur several times a week. We are happy to report we have not had any deaths since the last update!

To keep you abreast with our staffing situation, we are happy to inform you that one of the two employees who tested positive has now received clearance from the doctor to return to work this week and the other staff member continues to be quarantined. The other two staff members who were waiting for their test results, have tested negative and will be returning to work this week. Thanks be to God!

The Little Sisters who have been affected by the virus are improving with each day and anxious to return to normal activities. Hopefully, it won't be long! The two Little Sisters who came to help us out are still with us and we are very grateful for the many services they render throughout the Home.

In closing, I want to make you aware of our Home's ongoing commitment to providing the Residents with the best care possible. Please continue to pray for the health and well-being of all our Residents, staff, and Little Sisters as we fight this "invisible enemy" and continue to face its many challenges. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

In Christ,
Sr. Francis Gabriel Mary
and all the Little Sisters at St. Augustine Home