

August 10, 2020

Dear Friends,

This past week has been a busy one, but we are happy to report that we do not have any COVID cases in the house.

Last week, there was potential exposure in 2 cases that required quarantining for specific Residents and areas. These 2 cases of potential exposure were:

1. By a family member at a visitation who contracted COVID. The Resident was tested and was negative for COVID.
2. By a contracted employee whose husband contracted COVID. The employee was tested and was negative for COVID.

Until we received all test results back, persons or units involved were quarantined.

As you know anything COVID-related is very fluid. It is challenging to write a letter because each situation is different, and we do not want to cause you worry, so please do not hesitate to call and talk to Lori Tichenor if you have any questions. But be assured that if your loved one is affected in any way, you will receive a phone call or an email giving you the information you need.

This past week as well, our Medical Director directed us to quarantine Residents who leave St. Augustine's campus for any reason upon return. We received this directive on Thursday, August 6th, so as of that date, any Resident on the nursing or assisted living floors will be required to maintain quarantine for 7-10 days after their return.

We know the hardship and difficulty this presents for everyone, but there is a rising number of new COVID cases all around us in Marion County, and likewise in other nursing homes. On August 6, 2020 there were 1,051 new cases of COVID in

Indiana. We need to protect our Residents and prevent COVID from coming into the Home. The more one goes out, the greater the chances of exposure. Exposure potentially leads to COVID, which as we all know, can lead to sickness and death. While it is a great sacrifice for you and our Residents, the ultimate risk is far worse.

This past Wednesday, the Residents enjoyed a jazz band that played for them on the patio outside. God blessed us with 70 degree weather, so it was a great success. Social distancing and masks kept us safe. Whoever could not come to the concert only needed to open the window of their room to enjoy the music.

Thank you for your understanding and support. We support our Residents as well as you, their families, and all of our friends with our daily prayer.

God bless you,
Mother Francis