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Dear Family Members and Friends,

As the number of new COVID cases continues to rise in Passaic County and throughout New Jersey, we remain vigilant in closely following the guidelines given by the Passaic County Health Department, New Jersey State Department of Health (ISDH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). We test all the staff weekly and the Sisters and Residents bi-weekly.

Due to the fact that we have two employees testing positive, we must take a step back and quarantine Residents once again. This means we can no longer allow Residents to come to the chapel for daily Mass or enjoy their noon meal in the Dining Rooms on alternating days. It also means that all family visits are postponed until further notice. Please understand that these are precautionary steps that we must follow according to State and CDC guidelines to keep your loved ones safe and healthy.

We understand that this is a great disappointment for our Residents and you. The Sisters and staff are committed to doing everything possible to both fight this virus and keep up the spirits and faith in God of our Residents. Please stay in contact with your loved ones through telephone calls, texts, mail or video chats.

Each and every day we pray that God will protect all of you and your loved ones throughout this long ordeal and bring an end to this pandemic. Please keep all of us in your prayers to keep us healthy and strong so that we can provide all that we can to keep our Residents healthy, safe and happy.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Mother Mary Thomas