

**ST. JOSEPH'S HOME FOR THE ELDERLY
LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR
140 Shepherd Lane
Totowa, NJ 07512**

April 20, 2021

Dear Residents and family,

I want to give you all an update on the happenings in our home in the past week.

Last week one of our staff tested positive for COVID-19. Since then, staff, Residents and Sisters have tested negative. However, this does not exempt us from continuing the 14-day quarantine.

As this time we are open for outdoor visitations. With that said, we do have to pause indoor visits due to the positive COVID result. When we have any new positives — staff, Resident, or Sister — we have to stop indoor visitation in order to perform a round of testing to be sure the virus did not spread to anyone else.

Just a reminder that if you would like to schedule an outdoor visit, please contact our Administrative Secretary, Marian Jekonski at (973) 942-0300 ext. 378 (M-F, 8 am - 4 pm).

We can only allow two visitors at a time for a 30-minute visit. Visitors must wear masks and maintain social distancing. We ask that you please arrive 15 minutes before your visit to complete consent forms and give us time to bring your loved one to you. Please feel free to schedule a visit whenever you are able! The Residents have been overjoyed to see their loved ones again in person.

We have been campaigning among our staff to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. We cannot force them. We understand their fears of aftereffects now and in the future, but we have been encouraging them.

As always we are so appreciative and thankful for your support as we continue to deal with the pandemic in our home. Thank you so much for your patience over the past year. We are blessed to have such wonderful friends and family members and you are always remembered in our prayers.

Sincerely,

Mother Mary Thomas