

ST. JOSEPH'S HOME FOR THE ELDERLY
140 Shepherd Lane
Totowa, NJ 07512

January 31, 2022

Dear Residents, Families and Friends,

I am writing to give you an update and to let you know that this past week of testing, no new Residents or staff have tested positive. We will continue to do weekly testing of staff and Residents and pray very hard that this trend will continue.

On Monday, January 17, 2022, the National Guard team arrived to assist us. They provided much needed support by assisting with housekeeping, passing meal trays, working in our dietary department and socializing with the Residents. We hope their experiences with us were a positive introduction to life in nursing facilities.

Our Residents are now enjoying all three meals in the dining rooms. Everyone is following the guidelines of mask wearing, handwashing and social distancing which is allowing us to stay Covid-free.

When visiting the Home, we want you to understand that by entering St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly, there is a risk of possibly being exposed to COVID-19. With this said, we ask everyone to follow the guidelines, most importantly the wearing of a mask, proper handwashing and maintaining the 6 feet distance separation.

At this time with the surge of positive cases seeming to be everywhere we would ask you to encourage your loved ones in the Home not to go out visiting unless really necessary and to reschedule appointments unless they are absolutely essential. If you take your loved one out of the building, we count on you to assure their safety. Again, please continue to coordinate these outings with the Sister Supervisors of the unit.

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate through this surge. We remain optimistic, but vigilant in our policies and procedures in protecting our Residents, Staff, and Visitors.

Please keep us in your prayers as we navigate this unpredictable time, and know that the Sisters and I are also praying for you all.

Sincerely,

Mother Mary Thomas D'Mello, lsp