

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

December 31, 2021

Dear Residents and Family,

Happy New Year! May 2022 bring you many blessings!

We hope and pray that you and your loved ones are doing well and remaining COVID free. During the past week of testing, we have had two Residents on the Residential Unit and thirteen staff test positive for Covid-19. Please be assured the staff is doing what is in our power to try to decrease the risk of the virus spreading to other Residents here at the Home. We continue to practice proper infection control practices in order to mitigate the risks to other residents, staff and visitors here at the Home. With God's mercy and continued prayers, we will come out of this cycle very soon.

Our Residents are having their meals in their rooms and following Mass, Rosary and activities via closed-circuit TV. The Residents are very courageous and understand that these restrictions are for their safety.

As you are well aware because of the saturation of the news media the newest variant Omicron transmission rate is extremely high.

Visitors, or their representative should be made aware of the potential risk of visiting and necessary precautions related to COVID-19 in order to safely visit the Resident

- Mask Wearing – Everyone must wear their mask correctly (covering nose and mouth) the entire time you are in our Home. (No cloth masks)
- Social Distancing – Although the desire to hug your loved one is very natural, please allow a 6' distance between you and our Resident.
- Hand Sanitizing – Please take advantage of the many hand sanitizing stations throughout our Home.
- We encourage visitors to be tested on their own before coming to the facility (e.g., within 2–3 days for PCR test or within 24hrs for an antigen test).

We are deeply grateful for your continued support. As things change we will keep you updated. We wish you a New Year filled with God's love as we remain hopeful and prayerful for more joyful news in this New Year.

Our prayers are with you for a Healthy, Happy, and Holy 2022.

Mother Mary Thomas