

**ST. JOSEPH'S HOME FOR THE ELDERLY
LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR**

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Dear Residents, Families and Friends,

We hope everyone is staying healthy and safe.

This letter is to inform you one of our direct care staff members tested positive for COVID yesterday. It appears to be an isolated case. Thanks be to God, because of vaccination the employee presented with very mild symptoms, and is quarantining at home.

So far, Residents, Sisters and staff have tested negative. We continue to follow all precautionary infection prevention measures and regulatory requirements. The testing will continue until we can reach 100% negative tests for two weeks straight.

We are in the process of preparing to provide boosters to Residents and staff in accordance with the CDC updated recommendations. This would allow certain immunocompromised individuals and people over the age of 50 who received an initial booster dose at least four months ago to be eligible for another mRNA booster to increase their protection against severe disease from COVID-19. The CDC recommends that adults who received a primary vaccine and booster dose of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine at least four months ago receive a second booster dose using an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccines will be offered on-site with the consent of the Resident and/or legal representative or designated representative.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we once again do all we can to keep COVID out of our Home. We continue to pray for all of you that you and your loved ones stay healthy.

God Bless you always

Mother Mary Thomas, lsp