



Little Sisters of the Poor

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September 24, 2022

Dear Residents, Family Members and Responsible Parties,

It's been awhile since we've been in touch with you regarding COVID. We hope you have all been healthy and well during the last few months.

As much as we would like COVID to be over with, unfortunately the virus is still around. We have been lucky that in the last two months there have been no staff cases and in the last eight months there has been no Resident cases.

We continue to monitor on a weekly basis the COVID activity in the Philadelphia area. As of Friday, September 23, the positivity rate was 9.6%, the transmission rate was substantial, and the community level (new COVID cases, hospitalizations and deaths) was medium. To put a little perspective on things, the positivity rate a year ago this time was only 4.5%. So the virus is still actively around us.

Thus, we work hard to help protect your loved ones from catching the virus. We continue to abide by CDC and Philadelphia Department of Health guidelines regarding wearing masks and goggles. Our staff continues to follow our infection control policies regarding handwashing, wearing PPE, proper cleaning of surfaces and equipment, etc. We continue to educate and encourage our staff on getting vaccinated.

However, we cannot fight this battle alone. We also need your help and cooperation. We know that out in the community people have become relaxed in wearing masks and testing when they have symptoms. As a nursing home, however, it is important that when you do come, that you abide by the following requirements:

- **Do not visit if you have any respiratory or flu-like symptoms or COVID symptoms. If you have symptoms, please be tested.**
- Pick up a new protective mask at the front door when you come in and replace your mask with the fresh mask. **NO CLOTH MASKS ALLOWED.**
- Masks **MUST BE WORN** by both the Resident and visitors during the entire visit.
- Do not visit if you have been tested for COVID and are waiting for the results or if you have recently tested positive.
- Do not visit if you have been exposed in the last 14 days to anyone who tested positive for COVID.
- Use the hand sanitizer when you come in and out of the building.
- Maintain social distancing.
- Please go straight to the Cappuccino Corner or your loved one's room. Please do not go to other Residents' rooms.
- Protect yourself and others by getting vaccinated and getting the booster

Please share this information with your other family members.

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We know you want to help us to keep our Residents, staff and Sisters safe from the COVID virus. We don't want to have to quarantine the Residents and suspend visits due to a positive case. Thank you for your prayers, understanding, and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mother Celine Vadukkoot, Isp". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Mother Celine Vadukkoot, Isp
President