

September 24, 2020

Dear Families and Friends,

Just a quick note to let you know that we haven't been able to have testing last week or this week. The first four rounds of testing were done through the MN Dept. of Health State lab. We really are only allowed three rounds of testing through the Public Health Lab; they did one extra for us. We have found a lab to do our testing, however they have to build an account for us with Residents, Apt. Residents, Staff and Sisters' information, along with sending us printers for labels and so forth. Our plan is to have everything finished sometime next week. We anticipate our next round of testing the week of October 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Flu Shot Up-Date**

Residents will be receiving flu shots and we will have flu shot clinics for our staff. At this time there is an unprecedented demand for the flu vaccine so we don't yet know the arrival date from our pharmacy. As soon as we have a date we will let you know.

We continue to monitor Residents for signs and symptoms of the virus, and staff are screened daily when they arrive to work. Everyone is reminded to keep their masks on, use good hand hygiene and practice social distancing.

The Residents are really enjoying being able to spend time outdoors in the garden and seeing the leaves turn such beautiful fall colors. We are back to having daily Mass and the Residents are watching Mass on their televisions. The beauty shop is open, and activities are increasing again.

Weekday window visits can be scheduled by calling Patrice and weekend window visits by calling the front desk. Please continue to keep us in your prayers and know that you are in our prayers. We are very grateful for your patience and support throughout this pandemic. As things change we will up-date you.

Gratefully in Christ,

Sister Theresa Louisa, lsp  
Little Sisters of the Poor

We could use donations of:

Disposable Hinged Containers  
Disposable Silver Ware  
N 95 Masks  
Sanitizing Wipes  
Medical Gloves Size Large  
Liquid Tide HE  
Bottled Water  
Individually Wrapped Treats