January 5, 2022

Dear Families & Friends,

Happy New Year to you and your family members! We continue to pray that you and your loved ones remain Covid free. Last week's testing results returned three breakthrough positive cases among the staff. We continue to be very grateful that no Residents tested positive.

As you know, Omicron is highly transmissible, there is a positivity rate of 13.4% in Minnesota which is considered extremely high and predicted to go even higher within the next few weeks. The Good news, it is predicted to burn itself out in several weeks, let's all pray those predictions are correct. With this in mind, for the time being, we will continue to follow the guidelines we have in place.

We encourage you to schedule a visit with your loved ones by calling directly:

2nd & 3rd Floors – Sr. Cecilia 4th & 5th Floors – Sr. Mary William

For the time being, visits remain on the first floor in the Conference Room or designated areas. Masks must be worn during the entire visit and no food or drink during the visit. If you bring food for the Residents to take to their rooms, please don't bring perishable foods.

It is important to call the Sisters and not the Nurses Stations. For your protection and the protection of the Residents we are doing a rapid antigen test before all visitations. For your 1:00pm visit, please arrive at 12:40pm for testing. There will not be a 2:00pm visit, please arrive at 2:15pm for a 2:30pm visit. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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 Sr. Cecilia and Sr. Mary William. If the Resident stays outside the facility for more than 24 hours, they will need to stay in their rooms for one to two days under observation.

Please don't hesitate to call me with any other questions regarding visitations at 651-227-0336.

Again, Happy & Healthy New Year to all of you!

God bless you all!

Mother Theresa

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