January 19, 2022

Dear Families & Friends,

We hope this finds you and your loved ones doing well and staying Covid free. How wonderful it was to experience a January thaw, hopefully you had the opportunity to spend some time outdoors. What a difference a day makes, we now seem to be back to the freezing weather, try and stay warm!

As you are well aware the positivity rate in Minnesota continues to hover at about 22.6% consequently, we are still seeing breakthrough cases among the staff, last week two tested positive. We are grateful to God the Residents remain Covid free. I'm sure you are aware that the testing in the United States has increased greatly, and Minnesota is the same; as a result of this it is taking up to three to four days to receive our results back. Twice weekly testing for everyone continues.

We will begin to ease back into Sign-Up Genius with the same hours we currently have. We hope to start using this again next Monday, Jan. 24th. For your safety and the well-being of all Residents we will continue with the Antigen testing. Please plan on arriving twenty minutes before your scheduled visit for the test. Visits for the time being will remain on the first floor in the Conference Room or designated areas. Remember, masks must be worn during the entire visit and please no food or drink during the visit.

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 visitation at 651-227-0336.

It's hard to believe, that it is almost that time of year to place your Val-A-Grams order. We will send a separate email with the Val-A-Gram information on Friday. We continue to pray for all of you and ask you to keep us in your prayers.

God bless you all!

Mother Theresa Little Sisters of the Poor

