

A Note from Mother Theresa Louisa, lsp
May 26, 2020

Dear Families, Friends, and Benefactors,

As always, our first priority during this pandemic is our Residents' safety and health. We are taking all necessary steps and precautions to best meet the needs of our Residents and Staff.

At this time no one in our Home has Covid-19, but nursing staff are always closely monitoring the Residents for symptoms of the virus. Everyone has been wonderfully cooperative during this time.

The Governor's orders have recently changed to "Stay Safe Minnesota." The State of Minnesota is just starting to open back-up. In opening there will be four phases. It is indicated at this time Nursing Homes will not open until the end phases. We must continue to restrict visitors, volunteers, and outside vendors per federal and state guidelines.

As per the Minnesota Dept. of Health guidelines, all staff are wearing facemasks, and those staff providing direct care are wearing protective eyewear throughout their shifts; they are also being screened per CDC/MDH recommendation. Housekeeping continues to disinfect all areas of the Home throughout the day.

Our apartment Residents are encouraged to follow the Governor's order to "Stay Safe Minnesota." They are being monitored on a daily basis for symptoms of the virus and are able to call in to request their meals. Dietary staff prepare and deliver individual meals for everyone who requests them.

The Residents are happy to be able to watch daily Mass on our in-house television channel, followed by Communion rounds by the Little Sisters. We continue to say special prayers for an end to this coronavirus pandemic.

Please know we continue to do all we can to connect our Residents and families in a safe way at this time. If you are having a difficult time contacting your loved one by phone, please reach out to the Sister on the floor they live on. We will help to coordinate a time that works best for you and your loved one.

We could use donations of:

- Hand Sanitizer
- Sanitizing Wipes
- Surgical Masks
- Handmade Masks
- Kleenex
- Lysol Disinfectant Spray
- Fresh Fruit
- Cereal (Cheerios, Raisin Bran, Shredded Wheat, & Weetabix)
- 6 Large Cans of playdough (For Activities Dept.)

- Lotion (4 oz or 6 oz sizes)
- Stamps
- New Birthday Cards
- Bottled Hand Soap
- Disposable Hinged to go containers
- Disposable Cocktail Glasses 8oz – 10oz (For Activities Dept.)
- Roll of White Paper 15 inches wide (For Activities Dept.)

We thank you for all you do and we ask God's blessings upon you and your families for your health and safety. We continue to include you and your loved ones in our daily prayers.

Gratefully in Christ,

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