

May 15, 2020

Dear Family members,

We have important news to share with you as we enter another week of the Covid-19 pandemic. **On May 7, 2020 Governor Cuomo issued an executive order mandating ALL nursing homes to test ALL staff, contractors, medical staff, administrators etc. for Covid-19 twice a week.**

We have been able to establish a relationship with a nearby hospital and arrange transportation several times a week for employees who need a ride. Those who choose can go on their own as well. There is no cost for the staff members; any expenses will be absorbed, if necessary, by Jeanne Jugan Residence. Please pray that we will not have too many staff members testing positive. They will need to be furloughed for 14 days if they test positive and this would cause critical staff shortages for us.

Testing may also become obligatory for the all the Residents at some point. Be assured that we will communicate any information about this to you as we receive it.

We are happy to inform you that we have had no new cases of Covid-19 among the Residents or staff since our last letter. We do have one Resident with minor symptoms who is being tested today.

We are grateful to St. Joseph for helping us to find two nurses aides who started employment here at Jeanne Jugan Residence on May 14th. We are also preparing to welcome Sister Charles Patricia, a registered nurse from our community in Richmond who volunteered to come from Virginia to lend a hand during this time of crisis.

The Residents enjoyed another day in the sun on the 14th. As the days become warmer, everyone will be able to spend more time on the patio and participate in some exciting activities. Our activity staff continues to keep the Residents engaged and active. They are also doing their best to communicate via zoom and skype with all of you.

We know that this crisis is presenting untold challenges for you, your families and your loved ones and that it's especially difficult to be separated from your loved one here at Jeanne Jugan Residence for so long. We continue to do all we can to keep them safe. Hopefully this will soon be behind us and we can return to a bit of normalcy.

God bless you and keep you safe and healthy!

Sincerely,
Sr. Gertrude Mary Isp