

June 6, 2020

Dear Families and Friends,

As the week comes to a close we want to send a few lines to update you on the latest events here at Jeanne Jugan Residence. As you know from my last letter all the Residents were tested by the Department of Health on Monday. We are beginning to receive the results and so far everyone is negative. One third of the results are still pending; I don't think they will be in before next week.

I'm sure you are following the opening of New York City very closely. Unfortunately guidelines for opening the City will differ from guidelines affecting nursing homes. We have already been advised to plan on welcoming Residents' families in small groups in areas other than the unit. We have not received specific instructions from the Health Department yet, but our associations are advising nursing homes to avoid traffic on the nursing unit. They are also recommending that the visitors have proof of negative Covid-19 status prior to being granted admission for a visit.

We will continue to follow the Department of Health's guidelines very closely and communicate their rules to you as we receive them. Our employees continue to be tested twice a week and we are grateful that there have been no new positive cases.

Our activity department continues to find ways to meaningfully engage the Residents in small groups while respecting social distancing. Our newest activity has been the initiation of a snack cart which will go door to door daily. Our devoted staff continues to work by our side helping us to keep the Residents safe and happy. It's been a difficult time for everyone but we thank God as things slowly return to normal. Have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

Sr. Gertrude Mary and all the Little Sisters