

August 15, 2020

Dear Family Members,

We're very grateful for God's protection as we continue to remain Covid-free. All staff and Little Sisters continue to test negative. Aware of how contagious this virus is, we are VERY vigilant about infection control. The Residents continue to manifest an admirable spirit in embracing the sacrifices attached to such a long period of lockdown.

We're happy to announce the completion of our "Forward New York" safety plan and have submitted it to the New York State Health Department. As a reminder, please read and sign the forms sent last week and bring them with you when you are scheduled for a family visit. We have prepared our backyard patio for these visits guided by the directives received from the Health Department and CDC. Visits must be scheduled in advance with Melanie, Activities Director and in her absence, Sr Raymond Marie.

The guidelines are very specific and stringent but I'm sure you understand the importance of strictly complying to them for the sake of the Residents, above all to protect them from the virus.

Our activity department continues to do what they can to keep the Residents engaged and active which as you can imagine is a real challenge. The Residents are able to participate at Mass via their television now that we have a new chaplain and the Sisters have started to distribute Holy Communion regularly to the Residents who request it.

Although slow, we appreciate each new step towards getting back to normal and thank God everyday for His many blessings. Thank you for your support and understanding. We know how difficult these past 4 months have been. Let us continue to look forward to the day when things will be back to normal and thank God for the good health and safety we have enjoyed. Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,
Sr. Gertrude Mary lsp