

May 1, 2020

Dear Family & Friends,

At this moment we are pleased to say that our Home on Benton Avenue does not have any cases of the Covid-19 in our Residents, Sisters or Staff. As we updated you last month, our Home acted quickly to close our doors to all visitors and volunteers in our attempts to keep our Residents safe during this pandemic. We have implemented many safety protocols to prevent the spread of infection as well.

We continue to follow all relevant guidelines from Allegheny County and Pennsylvania Health Departments, the CDC and the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) as best as we possibly can. Currently, our supply of PPE is adequate for our needs and we continue to be thankful for our dedicated employees who are working by our side taking all necessary precautions to keep our Home safe. Every Resident and Sister is being monitored for potential symptoms. All staff members are wearing facemasks at all times and are screened at the single point of entrance to the Home before going to the Resident Households. Housekeeping is diligently cleaning frequently touched surfaces and disinfecting continuously and all staff is practicing proper infection control methods.

We know it is a difficult time for our Residents and we are doing all that we can to keep their spirits up. Donated I-pads are allowing our Activities staff to help Residents connect with family and friends through FaceTime or Skype. We have started to use our closed circuit television capabilities to offer a variety of uplifting videos and activities. We have been doing extras like a special “to-go” brunch for the apartment Residents and a candy cart delivering goodies around the Home, all while maintaining social distancing. Although each day has its challenges, we know we are blessed by all the good that is happening as well. Many individuals and organizations have shown us their support, offering monetary donations as well as much-needed items — everything from gloves, cleaning supplies to home-made face masks. Thank God and thank you for providing for our needs!

Your prayers for us Little Sisters, our Residents and all of our staff members are appreciated. As we forge ahead together during this difficult time let us remember the words of Saint Jeanne Jugan, “If God is with us it will be accomplished.”

Sincerely in Christ,

Mother Mary Vincent, lsp
Administrator