



March 12, 2020

To Our Residents and Family Members:

We know some of you may be concerned about the spread of COVID-19 (the new coronavirus) being reported in the media and how it may impact us here at Little Sisters of the Poor. Ensuring residents are cared for in a safe and healthy environment is our greatest concern. At this time, we don't have any cases in St. Paul's Archbishop Liebold Home. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have recommended a variety of steps that we are implementing to help reduce the potential for the virus to enter our building. However, we need your help in battling COVID-19.

At this time, we request that you do not visit the Home. The COVID-19 symptoms include: cough, fever, sore throat, runny nose, and/or shortness of breath. We understand that connecting with family members is incredibly important, and we are happy to facilitate visits via another option including telephone, email, text, or through Skype, Facetime or Facebook.

We are also limiting visitors to the following:
Due to recent decree of State of Emergency from the Governor, State of Ohio, and the order from Amy Acton, MD, MPH, Director of the Ohio Department of Health

We must limit all visitors to **ESSENTIAL VISITORS ONLY**

- Emergent life and safety of resident (as defined by medical chart)
- Emergent end of life
- Significant impact on Quality of Life (as defined by medical chart)
- **NO CHILDREN ALLOWED**
- **NO ADJUNCT VISITORS ALLOWED**
- **NO ONE WITH SIGNS/SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS ALLOWED**

Our center is following the recommendations of the CDC on prevention steps, including following strict handwashing procedures, and in many circumstances, wearing gowns and gloves when interacting with residents who are sick. We also are staying up-to-date with the CDC recommendations as they are updated. In addition, the St. Paul's Archbishop Liebold Home is in close contact with the local and state health departments and are following their guidance. We are posting signs on our entryway doors to notify visitors of the symptoms of COVID-19 and request that you not enter the building if you are experiencing these symptoms.

We will notify you if any residents or staff are diagnosed with COVID-19. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our center. For additional information, please visit the CDC's coronavirus disease information page.

Sincerely,
Jenny Nijak, Administrator