

October 10, 2020

Dear Residents, Families and Friends,

We are happy to report that we have had no positive COVID test results for any of our staff or Residents during the past week. We will continue our staff testing regime next week and test all staff as part of the surveillance testing required by the Ohio Department of Health.

This morning we received confirmation from the Director of Health that nursing homes will be allowed to have inside visitation starting Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. We have been working on our plan and guidelines for inside visitation and look forward to the day we can invite our friends and families back into the Home. Unfortunately, Hamilton County remains at a Level 3 Public Emergency alert within the Ohio Public Health Advisory System. **As per our guidelines, we will not be scheduling any visitations while the County is in Red Level 3.** We will let you know when we are able to again take reservations for visits at Little Sisters.

The guidelines for inside visits will be very similar to those we had for outside visits. Reservations will be required, and a predetermined time will be set for each visit. When visitors enter the Home, they will be required to be screened. The screening process will include questions related to COVID symptoms or potential exposure, a temperature check and visitor information, including a phone number and address. Visitors will be required to hand sanitize upon entering the Home and to wear a face mask provided by the Home. The visitor will be escorted to the location for visiting and we ask that they remain socially distanced from the Resident.

We will have areas available and allow 20 minutes per visit, as we did outside. We will again schedule the visits 30 minutes apart so that we will have time for the Residents to come and go, and to sanitize in between each visit.

As always, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We are continuing to be vigilant and are doing everything to keep our Residents and your loved ones safe. Thank you for your patience and support during this time. Please share this information with any friends or families that may be interested. For additional information please visit our website [www.littlesistersofthepoorcincinnati.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorcincinnati.org).

Sincerely,

Mother Marie Edward & Jenny Nijak, Administrator