



Friday, January 8, 2021

Good Afternoon,

I am happy to report to all of you that as of today, we have no Residents in our NEST (Covid Unit). The two recent cases we had have both recovered and returned to their rooms. We continued our testing schedule this week for Residents and staff. On Monday we had one employee test positive for Covid. That employee was already off the schedule for a few days, but will continue to quarantine at home until they are able to return. On Tuesday we tested all Residents, including those on the 5th and 6th floors. All Residents tested negative for Covid-19. On Wednesday we again tested all staff and all tested negative.

While this is positive news, we continue to be cautious and use good infection control procedures. All employees will continue wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including N95 face masks and goggles or face shields while at work. At this time we do not plan to dismantle the Nest, or change it back to a lesser number of beds. It will remain a full 10-room unit until the vaccines take effect, and/or our numbers do not increase.

On another positive note, our Home is scheduled for our second Covid vaccine clinic. CVS will be setting up Monday morning, January 11th in our Home, and will administer the Covid vaccine to all Residents and staff wishing to receive it. Many will receive their second dose of the vaccine, while some will be receiving their first dose. We will have our final vaccine clinic on February 1st to complete the vaccine for those who need it.

Although 18 of our current Residents and 26 staff members have recovered from Covid, they are still able to receive the vaccine on Monday. Currently 95% of our Residents and approximately 60% – 70% of our staff will be receiving the vaccine. We are hopeful that this is one of many steps to bring back some normalcy to our Home. We look forward to the future and hope for less restrictions and more positive experiences for all at our Home.

As mentioned in previous emails, all of the past updates can be found on our website, www.littlesistersofthepoorcincinnati.org under the Covid Updates tab. Thank you again for all your support over the past year, we certainly have appreciated it.

Sincerely,

Mother Marie Edward & Jenny Nijak, Administrator