

December 21, 2020

Dear Families and Friends of our Mullen Home Residents,

I trust that you all are well...

As we begin a new week, I wanted to let you know that unfortunately we have a second apartment Resident who has tested positive for the Coronavirus, as well as two more staff members. The apartment Resident is one who had been in the habit of going out on errands, but that person is in quarantine since the last trip out, and assures us that they will not be going out any more. (We do have arrangements for our Jeanne Jugan Associates to do the shopping for our apartment Residents if they need that service.) The two COVID-positive staff members are both at home on quarantine, and one of them is actually ill with the virus; please keep that person in your prayers. Other staff members who have been on quarantine are doing very well and are coming back to work one by one.

We need to ask once again that outside appointments not be made for our Residents at this time unless those are truly urgent. The lockdown has proven to be one of our most effective tools, as underscored by the fact that none of our nursing care residents have tested positive or become ill with the virus. Thank you for your support on that, and for your generosity regarding the sacrifice of not being able to visit your loved ones right now. The Denver COVID positivity rate—while still way too high—is now coming down, however, so that is encouraging!

It sounds like a COVID vaccination team will be assigned to come and vaccinate our staff and Residents in the very near future; we have submitted our total number of individuals to be vaccinated, and we are reserving doses for every Resident and staff member. Families/POAs will receive information sheets prior to the vaccination clinic dates, and for those residents who are unable to give their own consent, their family members will also receive consent forms to sign. Our entire Home's placement in tier 1a for the vaccination program is a great gift.

So that's the news for now. Thank you for your continued prayers for us; we pray for you as well. It is a privilege to serve and care for your dear loved ones here at the Home, and we appreciate your support of our efforts to keep them safe!

God bless –
Mother Mercy, lsp