

September 25, 2020

Dear Families and Friends of our Mullen Home Residents,

I know that you are eager for an update on our first round of Coronavirus testing for all of our Residents, staff, Little Sisters, and essential service providers. We have now completed the testing. As you know from Sr. Carolyn's recent e-mail, we had two "positive" point-of-care test results on Monday, and so a PCR swab was sent out to the lab on those two individuals for verification.

Today we received the good news from the lab that one of those individuals has actually tested negative by PCR, so the point-of-care test in that case gave a false positive result. We have just one more point-of-care "positive" out for verification; we expect to hear about that one soon and will pass the information along to you. In the meantime the individual still in question remains under quarantine.

Happily, all of our other results to date have been negative, though eight are still pending because we did not have enough point-of-care supplies (unavailable from the supplier), and so we had to send PCR tests out to the state laboratory on those individuals.

We have now secured a supplier for more point-of-care testing supplies, and have placed an order.

We have no known COVID illness at the Home, and we continue all of our precautions and risk mitigation efforts. We appreciate the sacrifices you make to help us keep the Residents safe, and we are grateful for the care you take to follow all the guidelines that are given us by the health authorities as you visit with your loved ones.

May God bless each of you, and may He keep us all safe in His care!

*Mother Mercy, lsp*

*"Making the elderly happy, that's what counts!" (Saint Jeanne Jugan)*