

*June 10, 2022*

Dear Families and Friends of our Mullen Home Residents,

The Little Sisters of the Poor Mullen Home for the Aged is proud to announce we are out of the COVID-19 outbreak the Home has endured over the course of several months.

With many prayers to the Lord, hard work, dedication, patience and vigilance of the staff and proper infection control practices, the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment was able to close out the Home's outbreak the end of May 2022. The Home had a number of multiple rounds of the required house wide COVID-19 testing of residents and staff, which failed to result in any new COVID-19 cases.

Even though the Home has exited the outbreak, we want to assure the community we continue to practice proper infection control measures inside the Home. The Home's Infection Preventionist continues to conduct ongoing re-education to the staff to remind them to practice proper infection control measures not just inside the Home, but outside the Home as well in order to mitigate risk of spreading the virus to the residents, other staff and visitors of the Home.

While the Home's County Community Transmission Level remains "High" since April 2022 and the Home is out of "outbreak," all staff of the Home (which includes the Home's staff, support staff as well as direct contracted staff) who are considered "NOT UP TO DATE" with the recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses (which includes booster dose(s)), are required to complete COVID-19 surveillance testing. The type and frequency of the COVID-19 surveillance testing is related to the Home's County Community Transmission Level for those staff who are "NOT UP TO DATE" with the recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses.

In late May 2022, the CDC updated its recommendation for booster doses for those people age 50 and over. Those people age 50 and over are strongly recommended to obtain 2 booster doses, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> booster dose being at least 4 months after their 1<sup>st</sup> booster dose in order to be considered "UP TO DATE" with the recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses. Those people between the ages of 12 and under 50 and are immunocompromised are recommended to also obtain at least 2 booster doses in order to be considered "UP TO DATE" with the recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses. All others are recommended to obtain at least 1 booster dose in order to be considered "UP TO DATE" with the recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses.

Visitor guidelines for the use of source control, physical touch and sharing a meal with their loved one are based on the Home's County Community Transmission Level, as well as the COVID-19 vaccination status of both the resident and their visitor at the time of the visit. Please be sure to review the Home's "Visitor Guidelines" when entering the Home as it will

outline any restrictions, as well as what is permitted during the visit based on the Home' County Community Transmission Level and the vaccination status of the resident and their visitor. The Home also posts the current Denver County Community Transmission Level at the entrance of the Home to make all visitors and staff aware of the current level. Visitors are not required to complete any outbreak testing. Visitors and residents are not required to complete any surveillance testing. Visitors are not required to provide vaccination status to the home, unless they have a desire to attend resident group activities or join the residents on a group outing. In these cases, the visitor is required to provide the Home with proof they are "UP TO DATE" with the recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses.

As a reminder, Individuals are encouraged to get vaccinated and boosted if eligible, remain at least 6 feet from others whenever possible, wash or sanitize their hands and wear proper face coverings to reduce the likelihood of disease transmission. We continue to educate residents, staff and visitors on the importance of the COVID-19 vaccine and the booster(s) in order to protect themselves.

Please continue to pray for an end to the virus and peace all around the world!

*Resources:*

CDC

CDPHE

Public Health Order 20-38 5-19-22

God bless you all.

United in prayer,  
Sr. Sarah, lsp