

St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly
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Dear Families and Friends of our Residents,

We have entered this new year with cautious optimism. Things are improving here at St. Joseph's Home, but we continue to be vigilant.

I am happy to report that our last three Covid testing results have been 100% negative. We have been able to close the Covid Unit and we hope and pray that we do not have to open it again. I can't begin to say enough about the staff, including Sr Diane, who worked 12 hour shifts in that unit for days on end. They were wonderful, providing care, reassurance and laughter when our Residents needed it most.

The first round of the vaccine was administered here without a problem. Walgreens' staff were skilled and attentive to all. Our second vaccine will be administered on January 27th. This will also be an opportune time for anyone who declined the first and has had second thoughts to get it. Walgreens will come back a third time for those who need it.

We are now able to decrease the twice weekly testing to once a week for all Staff, Sisters and Residents. The chapel and dining room will be opened at limited capacity in a few days. Social distancing is still a must. But just knowing that many of the Residents will be able to leave their rooms for Mass, meals and small group activities brings us all great joy.

We are proceeding with caution; we know that if there are any positive cases, all of this will change again. We hope and pray this will not be the case.

We are in contact with our representative from IDPH on a regular basis. He knows that we are longing to open up for family visits but at the moment he is still saying "be patient". I know how difficult this is for all of you. As soon as we know anything we will certainly let you know. We all miss seeing you. But I have to say that this "Greatest Generation" is truly a resilient one. They are amazingly patient and accepting of all these regulations.

All of the Sisters join me in wishing you a very happy, healthy New Year.

God bless you.

Sincerely,

Mother Margaret Charles, lsp

Administrator