

August 10, 2021

Dear Families and Friends,

My name is Kay Owokoniran, the new Administrator with the Little Sisters of the Poor, Palatine, Illinois. I am very pleased to join St. Joseph's Home for The Elderly in the continued mission of providing exceptional care to the elderly at our Home, under the direction of Mother Mercy. Since I have been here in June, we have continued to have zero cases of Covid-19 and I would like to continue to keep it that way with your support by following the core infection prevention practices.

We have been COVID-free since May 18th and we are able to go back to monthly, rather than weekly testing for non-vaccinated staff. We still need to maintain the core infection prevention practices such as handwashing, social distancing, source control in the light of keeping our home COVID-free due to the increase cases on the Delta Variant in the county and surrounding counties. All of our Residents have been fully vaccinated. We continue to work with our local health department and strictly follow guidelines to reduce the spread of the virus.

We will continue to educate our Residents, family members and responsible parties of the risk of exposure in the community when going out for trips and appointments. It is of high importance that family members and Residents call or text Cindy Deluca at 224-578-2509 for any planned visitations and appointments for purpose of screening and contact tracing. Cindy will be available to schedule appointments from Monday -Thursday from 8am-7pm, for weekend appointments please call by 2pm on Friday. Appointment are scheduled 48 hours in advance. Cindy will not be available to schedule appointments over the weekend. All visitors are to be screened when you come in the building and are to wear face masks during visitation, including outdoors. Visitors who fail to comply with our visitation policy will not be permitted into the building and visitation will be stopped. Visitors should engage only with the Resident they have arranged to visit. They are not allowed to go to others areas in the Home. Visits are limited to 45 minutes, unless special circumstances are required. Most importantly, anybody who has had close contact with someone with COVID-19 and exhibit any symptoms are not allowed to enter the Home.

Thank you for this privilege in serving the St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly, Palatine, Illinois. I am deeply grateful.

God bless you All!

Kay Owokoniran, LNHA

Administrator