



October 16, 2020

Dear family and friends,

Happy 3rd week of Autumn everyone!

As temperatures soar these days here in the Bay Area, know that we are all doing our best to stay cool during this heat wave. We are keeping the Residents hydrated and as comfortable as possible. We hope you are doing the same.

We have already received and distributed election ballots to the Residents. Tim from activities put together videos on channel 44 showing discussions and explanations of the various propositions and measures. Our Activities staff are making themselves available for those who may need assistance in completing their mail-in ballots. We hope and pray that this election will turn out to be peaceful and orderly.

As relayed to you in my past letters, we have just completed our first weekly COVID-19 testing for the entire staff, on Wednesday, October 14. We have received the results, and unfortunately, one part time staff member tested positive. This staff who is assigned to the Lourdes Hall works only 1 day a week at the Home. She will not be allowed to report back to work for at least 14 days. As mandated by the Department of Public Health, all Residents in the Lourdes Hall were tested, and all came back negative. The rest of the staff all tested negative as well. Weekly testing will continue as mandated by SFDPH.

Because of the one positive result, we have had to ask the Residents on Lourdes Hall to isolate for the next 14 days. We realize how difficult it is to feel like we are moving backwards, but this is time limited. Residents were advised that we will be providing a mini bookmobile or portable library for all those who miss being able to pick out their books. All activities, including the daily rosary and communion, will continue in the same manner.

Also, I want to let you know that I just had a successful hip replacement surgery last Monday; I came back from the hospital on Wednesday, Oct. 14. I am doing well and I feel blessed to be not in pain anymore. Please keep me in your prayers for a speedy and productive recovery.

Rest assured that we are not letting our guard down. We continue to strictly follow the active screening system for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 for all staff, Residents and Sisters here at the Home.

Once again, thank you for your generous support to the Home. The Sisters and I continue to pray for you all.

God bless you,

