

Little Sisters of the Poor  
**St. Anne's Home**  
San Francisco

January 29, 2022

Dear Residents, Families and Friends,

I wanted to share with you the latest update and some good news for which we are very grateful!

All of our Residents in Lourdes and Sacred Heart tested negative this week. Our four Residents who were in isolation have finished their ten days and are out and about again.

Most of our Staff have returned now. But two more tested positive, one at the beginning of the week and one at the end so we will have to continue testing at least once a week for the next, hopefully, only two weeks. We have to get 100% negative two weeks in a row before we can stop testing.

We received this notice from the San Francisco Department of Health today regarding our SNF units but it applies to our RCFE units as well since they share areas within the Home:

*Today the San Francisco Health Officer **extended the limited duration SNF letter order regarding protocols and visitor restrictions through 11:59 p.m. on February 15, 2022** (previous end date was 1/31/2022). Due to the continued increased risks to SNF residents associated with the current surge, as well as an increase in infections among residents and personnel, the Health Officer deemed it necessary to continue the additional protections while the surge continues and hopefully begins to abate. The only change made to the Order was to the expiration date, and the other details of the letter order remains the same.*

As a reminder of the requirements under this temporary Order, they are listed below.

- *People seeking to visit residents indoors must take a rapid COVID-19 test at the time of the visit. The tests must be supervised and the result directly observed by SNF personnel. Tests that are not administered in this way, including PCR or other tests performed prior to the visit, do not meet the on-site testing requirement.*
- *Residents are restricted to two visitors per day indoors.*
- *People seeking to visit residents indoors must wear a mask that meets one of the following criteria:*
  - *A respirator such as an N95 or KN95 respirator;*
  - *Double-masking with a cloth mask placed over a well-fitting surgical/procedural mask;*  
*or*
  - *If neither of the two options listed above is available, at least a well-fitting surgical/procedural mask.*
- *Visitors must be urged to be Up-to-Date on Vaccination, which means completion of the initial series of COVID-19 vaccination (plus two weeks after the final dose) and receipt of a booster as soon as eligible (plus one week after the booster dose), with a preference for mRNA boosters (Moderna or Pfizer).*

- *These rules do not apply to visits with residents outdoors.*

Rejoice with us over these latest test results and pray that we will continue to head in the right direction and reach that 100% negative mark which means that everyone will be Covid free once again. Thank you for all you have done to help us and for your cooperation and understanding. It is much appreciated. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue forward, and know that we continue to pray for you.

God Bless,

*Mother Marguerite*