

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

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Dear Residents, Families and Friends,

We hope everyone is staying healthy and safe.

We had a surprise this week when 5 of our staff tested positive. They are asymptomatic or had mild symptoms. These were staff who did not work directly with the Residents and all of the Residents tested negative once again as well as the rest of our staff. The testing will continue till we can reach that 100% negative two weeks straight.

We also received some recognition from the State congratulating St. Anne's Home for having over 90% of our staff and residents fully vaccinated and "boosted".

On Feb. 7 we received the good news about Visitors in regards to testing especially since most, if not all of you, having already given us proof that you are fully vaccinated and boosted:

[Order of the State Public Health Officer Requirements for Visitors in Acute Health Care and Long-Term Care Settings](#)

This Order applies to the following facilities:

- B. Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs),
- D. Adult and Senior Care Residential Facilities licensed by the California Department of Social Services.

The Order applies only to visitation **indoors** in facilities identified in this Order. Visitation shall be permitted only in accordance with this Order.

- A. The facilities identified in this Order must either: (1) verify visitors are fully vaccinated, or (2) for unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated visitors, verify documentation of a negative SARS-CoV-2 test – *which means we can test you at the front door or you can bring proof of a PCR test within 72 hours or a rapid test within 24 hours. Only if you have not been fully vaccinated. See below for their definition of "Fully Vaccinated".

"Fully Vaccinated" means individuals who are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19: two weeks or more after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna or vaccine authorized by the World Health Organization), or two weeks or more after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson [J&J]/Janssen). COVID-19 vaccines that are currently authorized for emergency use.

We very much appreciate those of you who are signing up on the website for your visits. That is a great help. We realize there have been some glitches and Santana has been working with them to try to get those resolved. As you can imagine and may experience in your own work places that with staff missing

it makes it a bit more challenging for everyone but we are blessed with wonderful staff who really pull together with the Sisters and work as a team to help fill in those holes. For that we are very grateful.

Last but not least, I will be going to Palatine, IL to our Provincial Home this Thursday for our Provincial Council meetings. Sr. Diane will be following me on Saturday. We will be returning on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Please pray for those meetings that they will be helpful and fruitful and for those who will be at home keeping things running smoothly. Sr. Margaret Mary will be coming from Palatine here to help out that week.

Once again, thank you for all you do to support us as we continue our efforts to give the best care possible to your loved ones. You know that your understanding and cooperation and support of the Residents as they also try to cooperate with all of these changes is much appreciated. We have heard that they will be lifting the mask mandate outside – but just so you know, that does not apply in here. Wearing masks, social distancing, washing our hands or using hand sanitizer, getting screened at the front door before entering...all of these are still very much part of the program here at St. Anne's as we continue to try hard to keep Covid out!

Thank you for your prayers as we continue forward, and know that we also pray for you.

God Bless,

Mother Marquerite