

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

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Dear Residents, Families and Friends,

I am writing to give you an update and to let you know that four of our Residents have now tested positive, two in Lourdes and two in Sacred Heart. Once again they are asymptomatic or have very mild symptoms. The good news is that all of the other Residents on Sacred Heart unit and on Lourdes unit tested negative during our last round of testing. All of our staff who were tested here this past week also tested negative with the exception of one who is not here but was asymptomatic. We still continue to have a few staff members out who tested positive for Covid-19 but have not returned to work yet and happily a few who have been able to return as they are always much needed.

The Department of Health once again assured us that because the other Residents on the units are fully vaccinated and almost all have received the booster, tested negative and have no symptoms there is no need to quarantine everyone. Visitors may still visit downstairs as long as they are vaccinated and wear a double mask or N95 mask (if you have one) *throughout* your visit. It's best not to eat together. Outside, weather permitting, is still the best option but masks are still recommended even outside. Of course, we will continue to test anyone coming to visit and visitors are still limited to two visitors per day per Resident. Compassionate visits that have been approved may still continue.

They report that the number of cases are going down but we are still a few weeks away from being free of this invisible enemy. We would still ask you to encourage your loved ones not to go out visiting or shopping unless really necessary and to reschedule appointments unless they are absolutely necessary. Families continue to be the biggest spreaders right now but it is undoubtedly still everywhere at the moment.

We will continue to test as needed in the next couple of weeks.

As always, we will let you know if there is any new information or guidelines. Please know that we continue to do everything in our power to keep your loved ones safe and count on your help as well.

Please keep us in your prayers as we navigate this unpredictable time, and know that the Sisters and I are also praying for you all.

God Bless,

*Mother Marquerite*