

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

Feb. 5th, 2022

Dear Residents, Families and Friends,

I am back again to share with you the latest updates.

Once again, all of our Residents in Lourdes and Sacred Heart tested negative this week. Though we do have one Resident in quarantine for 14 days due to potential exposure to a staff member who tested positive earlier this week. This Resident had declined the booster and so because of that is more at risk to get Covid so the State requires the quarantine to be on the safe side. As I said, though, all of the residents tested negative this week even those who had to be tested twice so that's the good news. We pray it continues.

Our Staff continues to return to work but we have some out for other reasons besides Covid. Also, because we had one staff member that tested positive (though asymptomatic) at the beginning of this week again we will need to continue testing at least once a week for the next two weeks. We still need to get to 100% negative two weeks in a row before we can stop testing the residents and staff.

Here is the recent update from the State **as of Feb. 1st**. Not too much has changed. Just extended. Except for the part about testing visitors who stay outside.

Interim Guidance: Prevention and Management of COVID-19 in Long-Term Care Facilities
UPDATED February 1, 2022

The following guidance was developed by the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) for use by local facilities and will be posted at www.sfdcp.org.

AUDIENCE: Long Term Care Facilities - These include **Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE)**; and **Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) that provide 24-hour skilled care on site**.

Please be advised of two TEMPORARY visitation orders:

1. A local visitation order for skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), **effective January 1st through February 15, 2022**; and
2. **A CDPH order** regarding visitation requirements in long-term care settings, **effective January 7th - February 7th, 2022** (see also: PIN 22-04-ASC): **(this includes RCFE)**

Key restrictions from these orders include:

- **Indoor visitors must take a rapid antigen test at the time of the visit.** (No change)
- Residents are restricted to **two visitors per day indoors**. (No change)
- **Indoor visitors must wear a well-fitted mask** that meets criteria specified within the order. (No change – this means either a N95, a KN95 or double mask – this means you can wear your own mask and put the one we give you on over or under it if you don't have an N95 or KN95.)

- **Outdoor visitors must show proof a of negative** antigen test done within 1 day prior to visitation, or a negative PCR test done within 2 days prior to visitation; **on-site testing on the day of visit also fulfills this requirement.**

We still have to require proof of full vaccination and boosters if you have received it – before your visit. Almost all, if not all of you, have done so already. Thank you. Santana should have those copies.

We realize how confusing this can all be as there are frequent changes with these requirements as you well know but we are trying to follow all of the updates. We are grateful to all of you who are helping us by following “the rules” especially our residents who have to wear the masks all the time for their own good while travelling in our hallways. Also, to all of you who are patient with the testing before your visits and understand the challenges that go along with it in terms of having someone available to observe as we have been asked to do.

Thank you for your continued cooperation, help and understanding. It is much appreciated. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue forward, and know that we also pray for you.

God Bless,

Mother Marquerite