

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

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Dear Residents, Families and Friends,

Happy Summertime! The last time we wrote we were approaching Easter. Now here we are almost six months from Christmas!

We hope you enjoyed your 4th of July holiday. We were all treated with a return of the annual traditional 4th of July cookout – thanks to Jared Manini and family – in honor of his mother, Shannon, who recently passed away. They were unable to do it for the past two years so it was wonderful to have them back at the grill.

You may have noticed that we are still being very cautious. That is because since Mother's Day in May, each week the number of cases has gone up, up, up. And they are still going up.

Back in May the positivity rate – meaning the percentage of people who were positive for Covid – was something like 5 or 6%. Now San Francisco is at 16% and California is at 16.7% (for those of you who are into statistics.) Bottom line is that we have had quite a number of staff out over the past six weeks due to Covid. They got it from their friends and families despite their efforts to avoid it. Fortunately they did not share it with our residents and our residents have been able to escape it so far. That is why we are being so very cautious and still insisting on scheduling visits, checking vaccine and booster status, and assuring that everyone gets screened coming in and masking as they should be. The majority of visits are still downstairs unless your loved one really is unable to come down. We would discourage eating with your loved one right now but bringing them something to eat is fine. All because the latest virus is very contagious. Sometimes people have it without knowing it. The definition of “close contact” is now within the airspace of someone who has it as opposed to six feet. And “up to date” with vaccinations now includes at least one booster unless for some reason you are not eligible. Outdoor visits are still great if the weather is permitting. We are trying to get back to normal but until these numbers go down even taking your loved one out to a restaurant is very risky right now. There are 15 facilities around us currently going through an outbreak. We would really like to try to avoid that if possible.

Speaking of boosters, we're happy to say that almost all of our Residents on both RCFE and SNF have received the second booster if they wanted it. Over 90% of all of our residents received both vaccines and the first booster. We still have over 90% of our staff who are considered “fully vaccinated” which includes the first booster.

This month we are celebrating our elderly. July 26th is the Feast of Sts. Anne and Joachim which means we will be celebrating the feast of our House. At the end of the month we will also be saying farewell to three of our employees who are retiring after many years of service here: Cristina Tanaguchi, Flora Velches, and Huberto Falloria.

I'm sure you have seen the latest newsletter with all of our other news. We are so grateful for all of your support knowing that everyone is going through tough times right now.

Thank you as we continue to support one another through our prayers and in whatever way we are able to do so. God bless you!

Have a Blessed Summer and stay safe!

Mother Marquerite