



“Placing our Residents First”

A Note from Mother Marguerite, Administrator of Jeanne Jugan Residence

July 6th, 2020

Dear Families and Friends,

We hope that this weekly email finds you all doing well and staying safe! We hope everyone had a Happy and Safe 4th of July!

We want to say THANK YOU to those of you who were able to come last week and participate in the 4th of July theme drive through parade for the Residents. They absolutely loved it. They loved seeing all of you and the wonderful signs and car decorations. THANK YOU!

We are very pleased to announce that we currently do NOT have any COVID positive cases in our Home!

Following the guidelines of the California Department of Public Health of testing the all Residents on the **skilled nursing floor**, Staff and Little Sisters on a monthly basis. We completed our second round of testing last week and all the Residents on the skilled nursing Floor, the Little Sisters and the Staff all test results are negative for COVID.

Thank you for bearing with us as we navigate through COVID-19 and the ever-changing requirements.

For ALL Residents on the **1st and 3rd floor** they are asked do the following:

For those Residents who have Health Net Seniority, Blue Shield, Blue Shield Promise, Blue Promise, Blue Shield Advantage, Medicare and Medicare B, they have two options for testing.

- 1) They may request an appointment with CVS to be tested through their drive through testing and have the test fully covered by insurance.
- 2) For those of you who are concerned with them going out to be tested – we can have them tested in house and the insurance would cover the \$100.00 fee for the test however, there is a \$55.00 processing fee for the lab which is NOT covered by the insurance. We are asking the families to cover this cost of the \$55.00 should you decide that you would like to have your family member tested here at the Home rather than going through the drive through at CVS.

For those Residents who have United Health Care, Humana, SCAN, Anthem Blue, Healthnet of California, they will need to set up a testing date at the CVS at 25829 Narbonne Ave., Lomita, CA. You may make an appointment at CVS. Com (<https://www.cvs.com/minuteclinic/covid-assessment>).

For those Residents who have Kaiser Insurance they will need to make arrangements with their doctors and set up a testing date for their drive through testing at Kaiser.

We will allow family members to take the Resident to/from the Kaiser drive-through and/or CVS to be tested. Drive-through testing is safer than walk-in testing. Plus, this is an opportunity for you to see and spend a little time with your loved ones only if it is to/from the testing site.

Maritza Nino our Social Worker will be happy to assist you with scheduling and setting up the appointments or setting up transportation for your family member; please let her know. Her contact information is sssanpedro@littlesistersofthepoor.org or (310) 548-0625 ext 203. If you would like to set up the appointments on your own we ask that you please call Maritza and inform her of the date and time of the appointment. The Residents will need to wear their mask and gloves. We ask that you please forward the results of the COVID test to Maritza. THANK YOU!

Following the CDC and CMS guidelines for long-term care facilities, as well as the directives of the mayor and the governor of California, **we are extending our restrictions for all visitors until we have been cleared by the Department of Public Health and the CDC.** We are working very closely with the CDPH and we hope to be able to share our new regulated visitor guidelines soon. Now with the spike of COVID cases they are cautious on the opening of Nursing Homes.

We know this has not been easy on anyone, and we appreciate your patience. We know that a lot of you would like to take your family members out. We are asking for the Residents not to leave the Home unless it is for an approved essential medical appointment. Should they choose to leave or should you choose to take your parent or loved one out of our Home, we are asking that you keep them with you until we have lifted this restriction.

If that period of time is too long for you to keep your family member, they **must** be tested for COVID and receive a negative result prior to bringing them back to the Home. Once they are back in the Home **they will have to self – quarantine for 14 days in their rooms.** We ask that you make arrangements with Maritza our Social Worker with dates of departure and scheduled returns so that we have ample staff to monitor them while on quarantine, so not to take away from the care of the Residents on the 2nd floor. This is to make sure that we continue to keep all of our Residents in the Home safe, well and COVID FREE!

We thank you for your understanding!

We understand that the Residents may need essential items such as prescriptions, personal hygiene items, or just their favorite snacks or goodies. Please call ahead and leave these items in a bag or box at the front door with their name on it. Our receptionists will make sure that your loved ones receive these items.

Our dedicated staff and Little Sisters have been working tirelessly to make sure that your loved ones remain safe and healthy. Please stay at home and minimize social contact as much as possible. This will keep your family members safe.

Thank you for your understanding and collaboration as we make decisions for the health and safety of our Residents and staff. We will continue to keep you updated with any new developments.

We pray that God will protect all of you and your loved ones during this time.

United in Prayerful Support,

Mother Marguerite