

November 8, 2020

Dear families and Friends

The clouds seem to be lifting from our Home – figuratively and literally. The Residents are happy to be out of their rooms, off their units and able to sit outside on these beautiful warm days. With last week's snow, all the lawn furniture was put away, but St Joseph's Hall chairs have proved quite useful and easy to transport.

The really good news is that the entire staff and all the SNF Residents have tested negative during these two weeks. Amen. Staff are tested weekly now.

Some of our main staff have had to isolate during this time but when they return this week, we can try to plan for indoor visiting with the help of our AJJ's and volunteers.

The staff did a good job of providing Halloween fun. We are trying to plan for Thanksgiving, hoping that most of the Residents will choose to stay here. If they do go out, they will most likely have to quarantine on return.

The Department of Health has issued a new Advisory for the general public <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Press-Room/Press-Releases---2020/DPH-Issues-New-Public-Health-Advisory-for-All-CT-Residents-Amid-Rise-in-COVID-19-Cases> . In addition, Safe Holiday Guidance has been issued by the state. CT Holiday Guidance and CDC guidance on All Holiday Travel, Thanksgiving, Considerations for Events and Gatherings, and for People with Increased Risk Exposure (<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Coronavirus/20201030-DPH-Holiday-Guidance.pdf> ). The experts seem to be truly worried about holiday gatherings.

We will go ahead with the Ham & Turkey drop on November 21.

We hope that you and yours are managing in these challenging times. Thank you for your help and support which mean so much to us.

Gratefully,

Mother Genevieve & Little Sisters