



## Little Sisters of the Poor

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Dear Jeanne Jugan Community,

The RI Department of Health is continuing with the Level Three restrictions despite the Governor's plan to enter into phase two of the reopening of Rhode Island on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Level Three restrictions for long term care facilities include allowing no visitation except for those who are essential for the care of the Residents, screening of staff every four hours and screening of Residents.

A new screening tool for nursing homes has been implemented which now asks staff if they or someone in their home has had any of the following symptoms: temperature greater than 100 degrees, cough, shortness of breath, body aches, chills, diarrhea, runny or stuffy nose, headache, nausea or vomiting, fatigue, recent loss of taste or smell. If they answer yes to any of the questions, they must self-quarantine.

We had our second round of testing on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The clinical staff performed the nasopharyngeal swabbing with the Residents, while the RI DOH nurse performed the swabs on our employees. **Once again, we are most grateful that all our Residents and staff who were tested were negative.** The RI Department of Health continues to recommend surveillance of our Home every two weeks.

We thank you all, once again for your understanding and compliance with our "no visitor" restriction. This has been an important step in minimizing risk to our Residents and staff. However, it has been challenging for all us, including staff, Residents, family and friends. The Sisters and staff have been doing their best to create an atmosphere of joy despite the uncertainties we face due to this pandemic.

One Resident, Deolinda Francisco turned 101 years old last week. She was surrounded by the warm and kind spirit of the Sisters in celebrating her special day. Please keep us in your prayers and thanks to all!

*Mother Patricia Mary lop*



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