

Little Sisters of the Poor

Caring for the elderly poor since 1839

October 28, 2023

Dear Jeanne Jugan Community,

Respiratory Virus Season:

As we are preparing for the Holidays, we would like to remind our family and friends regarding the Respiratory Virus Season. Along with the seasonal influenza virus (flu) and the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), Covid-19 has become a part of the respiratory virus season. Generally Fall and Winter are the seasons when viruses that cause respiratory disease circulate more heavily in the community.

The Home recently had a flu clinic where a majority of our residents were immunized. Approximately one third of our staff received the flu vaccine. We will continue to provide education to our staff and residents regarding the protective effects of the vaccines.

The Covid-19 vaccine has been more difficult to obtain. The pharmacies are not providing on-site clinics for the vaccine as they have done in the past. The Home is trying to order the vaccine from the State supply. The local pharmacies are offering the vaccines at in-person visits, and this may be an option for residents, family and staff. You will need to register on-line at your local pharmacy.

Brief Update Covid-19

We have been very fortunate not to have a COVID-19 outbreak at the Home. We had one staff member who tested positive on 10/27/203. The staff member had minimal contact with residents. Please get vaccinated. If you are sick, please reschedule your visit and staff members should not come to work.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us. You can always visit our website, <u>https://www.littlesistersofthepoorpawtucket.org/</u> for any COVID updates.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

Mother Patricia Metzgar