

May 10, 2020

Dear Residents, Families and Friends,

We hope you and your family were able to celebrate Mother's Day in a meaningful way, despite the limitations imposed on us by the coronavirus. We tried to make it a lovely day for the ladies here at Villa Guadalupe.

As you know, Gallup's lockdown ended today at noon. Despite this hopeful sign we cannot yet say that we are out of the woods, and the ban on visits to residents of homes for the elderly will continue for the foreseeable future.

In fact, Covid-19 continues to cause serious concerns here at Villa Guadalupe. While only 1 employee tested positive for the virus this week, 7 became symptomatic. Two Little Sisters tested positive and 14 Residents total are positive for Covid-19. We also saw our first three deaths among the Residents.

We continue to take every possible means to keep Residents and staff alike safe and healthy. All symptomatic residents continue to be isolated or paired up with another symptomatic Resident in a double room. We have begun using disposable dishes and flatware for all Resident meals, which are being served in their rooms via tray service. We are also in the process of obtaining enough vital sign equipment that each resident will have their own equipment.

We are so very grateful for the prayerful support of all of our families and friends. Generous benefactors continue to supply for our needs, including a recent donation of over 3,000 disposable food trays and flatware for the Residents' meals.

For now we watch from afar as Gallup begins to open up again as our attention remains fixed on the welfare of our Residents. Please do all you can to remain safe and healthy as we all wait for the day when you can be reunited with your loved one here at Villa Guadalupe.

God bless you!

Sr. Sarah and the Little Sisters