

July 11, 2020

Dear Residents, Families and Friends,

It is hard to believe that we are into our third season dominated by COVID-19. Thank God, the number of new cases remains relatively low in McKinley county. The average number of new cases over the last seven days is 22, compared to an average of over 70 new cases per day in early May.

Here at Villa Guadalupe we have seen a leveling off of the virus and a relative return to calm. We have had no new cases of COVID-19 in several weeks. Of 24 Residents who tested positive since the beginning of the pandemic, 12 died and 12 have recovered. We dearly miss each of the Residents who passed away, as each one was truly a member of our Villa Guadalupe family.

New Mexico is doing testing to confirm recovery. It is necessary for an infected Resident or staff member's symptoms to be better after at least 10 days and for them to be fever-free for the last 3 days of that period. Two negative tests are then required before someone can be designated as "recovered." We have a process in place transition Residents who have recovered back into the rest of the Home.

We are so grateful for everyone's prayerful support and concern and for all the donations received. We are also deeply indebted to the Medical Reserve Corps and COVID Care Force for the improvements here at the Home. We encourage you to continue with social distancing, frequent hand washing and the wearing of facemasks when outside your home.

We hope to hear soon from the Governor how residents might be able to have visits outside the Home and will let you know as soon as this is possible.

Please stay safe!

Mother Sarah and the Little Sisters