

October 10, 2020

Dear Residents, Families and Friends,

It has been quite a while since we sent out an update letter on the situation here at Villa Guadalupe. Happily, we can report that we have had no new cases of COVID-19 in the Home, and no COVID-related deaths, since late May.

We continue to make progress toward restoring normalcy, even if it is a “new normal,” to Villa Guadalupe.

- Thanks to a benefactor, we were able to get an electrostatic sprayer to help with disinfecting the Home.
- Recently, we had an Infection Control Assessment requested by Department of Health and all went well.
- Residents have started having outdoor visits with one family member at a time using the outdoor visitation station at the gazebo. Residents have the possibility of unlimited window visits and video-conferencing.
- We are awaiting additional guidance from the Department of Health concerning dining, activities, testing, and visitation. Nursing homes have already received guidance last week, and the guidance for assisted living facilities should be coming soon.
- We continue with weekly surveillance testing of 15% of Residents and staff each week.
- We have been able to begin roof work again; this had been put on hold due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Although this is all good news, we all need to keep in mind that New Mexico has seen a significant increase in COVID cases in the past two weeks. Yesterday I saw in the news that Lt. Gov. Howie Morales had urged residents to continue wearing facemasks and practicing social distancing. “New Mexico let’s not lose all the good progress we’ve made on COVID-19,” he said.

So let’s not take anything for granted as we look forward to more visits, Thanksgiving and our many end-of-the year celebrations.

Thank you for your continued prayers and understanding.

Sincerely,

Sr. Sarah and all the Little Sisters

