

Gallup
January 19, 2021

Dear Residents, Families and Friends,

I would like to begin by wishing you a very Happy and Healthy New Year! Hopefully we will be able to see you all in person very soon, but until then, please be assured that the Little Sisters and I keep you all in our prayers.

It has been longer than I realized since we updated you on the COVID-related situation here at Villa Guadalupe. I am happy to report that currently all the Residents and Little Sisters are well, with no active COVID infections. One Resident is slowly recovering from the virus in the hospital. Our staff are also doing well; the last positive test result among them occurred back in December.

We have completed our first round of vaccinations from Walgreens and have our next two clinics planned out. Obviously this was a great day here at Villa Guadalupe with over 70% of our staff getting vaccinated, as well as most Residents!

We Little Sisters have been touched by everyone's generosity during the Christmas season — the support we received throughout 2020 made an impossible situation possible. We are particularly grateful for all the PPE donations we've received, especially the washable isolation gowns.

As I write this letter I am acutely aware that although things are going well for us here at Villa Guadalupe so far this year, the situation in the surrounding community is still grave. The COVID positivity rate in McKinley county is currently over 20%, so we need to keep up our vigilance, including conscientious hand washing, mask wearing, social distancing, and using disposable dishes and silverware.

We'll keep you posted on vaccine news, but in the meantime if you have any questions don't hesitate to contact us.

May God bless you and all your family,
Sr. Sarah and all the Little Sisters