To Our St. Joseph Village Residents and Family Members:

I want to once again thank you for all the words of encouragement, via your personal notes, social media posts and phone calls. We have truly appreciated all of your support through this very difficult time navigating the pandemic. We know that it has been difficult for the family members, as well, and I want to personally thank you for your patience as we navigate this "new norm" to ensure the safety of our residents, family members and associates. We have been very fortunate at St. Joseph Village during the pandemic. Our first reported case at St. Joseph Village was on 5/29/2020. However today, 6/10/2020, we learned that a skilled nursing resident has tested positive for the virus.

**Confirmed Resident Case:**

This resident was admitted to the Skilled Nursing Unit on 5/19/2020 and was put on 18-day quarantine as per protocol. They were previously tested for COVID-19 at the hospital on 4/27/2020 which yielded a negative result for the virus. On 5/27/2020 the resident refused prevalence testing, but remained on quarantine. This past week, we conducted widespread testing which yielded a positive result for the virus on 6/10/2020.

**Containment Procedures:**

Residents continue to be monitored closely for the earliest signs or symptoms of COVID-19. If any signs or symptoms develop, a resident is immediately isolated. Associates continue to be screened daily when they report for work; if any screening element is noted to be abnormal, the associate is sent home.

**Precautionary Measures:**

St. Joseph Village continues to restrict visitors and monitors those associates and residents, following CDC-regulated standards for infection control and to prevent any spread of the virus. The staff continues to maintain proper PPE recommendations and protocol, as defined by the local and state health departments and the CDC.

At this time, the most important action we can take is to monitor everyone and treat for symptoms. Additionally, ALL of the infection prevention measures mentioned in previous memos remains in place.

We understand that this is a time of anxiety and unknowns for the safety of you or loved ones. 100% of our efforts are geared towards the safety of your loved ones. Should you have any questions, please visit our St. Joseph Village Facebook page or the Franciscan Ministry [COVID-19 Web Page](https://www.franciscanministries.org/coronavirus-response/) for daily updates and information.

For additional information, please visit the CDC’s coronavirus disease information page.

The safety of our residents and associates continues to be our most important concern.

Sincerely,

Judy Amiano
President and CEO