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TO: St. John of God Retirement and Care Center (SJGRCC) Patients/Residents, Visitors, Staff and Vendors

FROM: Administration

SUBJECT: **Coronavirus Update**

Today's update is also available on our Facebook page and at [www.stjogrcc.org/news/](http://www.stjogrcc.org/news/).

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH) sponsored Covid-19 diagnostic testing for patients and staff began on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Over the course of May 7<sup>th</sup>, and as of 9am on May 8<sup>th</sup>, we have tested 131 patients and 211 staff. We are scheduling an additional two days of testing next week to pick up those we were unable to test this week. All available patients have been tested, except two who declined. Two staff members so far have also declined, but both have been previously tested and are providing documenting paperwork. Test results should be available early next week for the initial batch of tests and appropriate action will be taken as per our existing policies and procedures.

We originally were under the impression testing would also include RCFE residents, but this turned out not to be the case. LACDPH is recommending these residents consult with their physician on testing and testing options. As mentioned previously, we continue screen all coming on to the campus on a daily basis and also screen employees at the end of their shift.

With Mother's Day approaching we are seeing a number of floral deliveries being made for patients and residents. Given the potential for virus spread we will be unable to deliver any arrangements to patient or resident rooms. All arrangements received will be placed in the Chapel. On Mother's Day a photograph of the Chapel will be taken and shared across the campus.

Utilization of our televideo resources continues. Please see instructions at the above websites if you have yet to use this service.

Please stay safe and well.

*"Do good to yourself by doing good for others" - St. John Of God*