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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/.

There are no positive resident or patient test results to report in any of the buildings on campus. No one on campus is showing any symptomology consistent with Covid-19.

Testing results of 13 patients and 36 staff conducted on 7/29 were all negative. In accordance with CDPH requirements we continue routinely testing at least 10% of patients and 25% of staff, every Wednesday. Our first round of testing for the month of August was conducted on 8/5 and consisted of 25 patients and 59 employees. During August we have decided to increase patient testing to 25% each week in order to test all patients during the month, as an additional safeguard.

All campus buildings are free to admit new patients and residents. Our ongoing processes for monitoring all patients and residents on campus continues, along with the screening of all who enter the campus.

We have still yet to receive guidance on operation of our CMS provided benchtop analyzer. This unit is capable of performing the antigen Covid-19 test. As a reminder, a positive antigen test equates to a positive molecular PCR test, which is the gold standard. However, a negative antigen test is not necessarily a true negative, especially in someone who appears symptomatic. We anticipate being able to utilize the unit for testing of patients and residents upon their return from a hospital stay.

Communication with the County to insure compliance with requirements and provide needed updates on our status is ongoing. We continue to have adequate levels of PPE and all staff are following infection control guidelines to protect those they interact with, and themselves.

Please stay safe and well.

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