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To: All family members of a current Resident at St. Martin's and to our friends

As you are aware, weekly testing of all employees began a few weeks ago. We are happy to share the news that during this week we received all the results back from last week's testing and all are negative. The one staff member who previously tested positive is still waiting for 2 negative tests and the one staff member who was not feeling well a few weeks ago is waiting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> negative test results before returning to work. We do not have the test results back from this week yet, hopefully early next week.

Our number one priority has always been and will be the health and safety of the Residents of our St. Martin's Home. During this outbreak, we have consistently been proactive in an effort to reduce the chances of the virus's entry into the Home. These measures include, but are not limited to, restricting all indoor visitors; employee temperature taking and attestation of no symptoms at the beginning of every shift; and, limiting employee return to work after travel or after experiencing symptoms/fever. Ongoing employee reminders and education as needed on the use of personal protective equipment and good infection control practices, such as good handwashing, etc.

We continue to practice an abundance of caution to keep Residents safe and will follow direction from Governor Hogan, CDC, CMS, and local and state health agencies on when and how to ease visiting restrictions within a safe environment. There are continually new guidelines and requirements that we are following closely, and one of the newest ones from the Maryland Department of Health and our Local Health Department is about outdoor visitation for families and residents. They are asking that we submit a plan to them to accommodate these visits with the utmost precautions in place and they will need to review it before we can start the outdoor visits. We will be sending you the information that you will need to read and consent to for any outdoor visit, before being able to meet with your loved one outdoors. We will schedule the visits so that we can assure your safety and that of your loved one.

If you still feel that you prefer a window visit or alternate means of visiting with your loved one through the use of FaceTime, Skype, Zoom, email, phone calls or other video communication technologies, please continue to do so. For a virtual visit or for more information about how to do so by contacting Danielle, our Activity Director or Mary, our Social Worker.

We look forward to submitting our plan to the Health Department and hoping to be able to see you with your loved one for an outdoor visit in the near future. Be safe and stay well.

The Little Sisters of the Poor pray for you, your families and an end to this worldwide Pandemic.

Most sincerely,

Mother Joseph Caroline, I.s.p.

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