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

At the very beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, we made a commitment to keep you informed regarding the impact of the coronavirus on our Residents, the Little Sisters and our staff. We are happy to report that all of this week's round of tests, which were completed on Monday, were negative. We are still waiting for a few more test results that were done later in the week.

As we see on the news, the number of cases and hospitalizations in Maryland is down. However, the significant resurgence of the coronavirus within many neighboring states over the last few weeks continues to impact our planning for a phased reopening of visits to our home. For the continued good health of those in our care, it is important that we move forward thoughtfully, carefully, and safely.

Through the goodness of God and the protection of St. Joseph, since we have no new cases to report we have received the authorization to begin to schedule outdoor visits for the Residents and their families. Because of this, we have worked diligently on revisions to our reopening plan while being very aware of the ever-changing landscape.

It is with enthusiasm and caution at the same time, that we are attaching our plan for outdoor visits with your loved one. We ask that you please read the plan and if you agree with it, then please sign the consent form and email it back to Mary, our Social worker. After we have received your consent form back, then we can work together on choosing a date for your visit.

I personally cannot thank you enough for your patience and understanding during these unprecedented times. If you are interested in scheduling an outdoor visit with your loved one, please contact Danielle at 410-744-9367 or Nikki her Assistant, if she is not available. If you prefer to stay connected with your loved one by a window visit or need help to connect through Skype, Zoom or FaceTime, please contact Danielle or Mary.

We've been through a lot together these past several months, and while it isn't over yet, remaining united is our best asset as we move forward. We have been truly blessed by God to help preserve life and it is through a conservative and thoughtful approach and your support that we continue on in this mission and vision of St Jeanne Jugan in our care of those most in need.

Before I conclude, I would like to let you know that Sr Margaret Anne Jeanne died yesterday. She has been here in Baltimore for over 3 years and was the Assistant Administrator most recently. She had a serious condition, not related to COVID. I know you will keep her in your prayers; we will miss her. May she rest in peace.

This Sunday, August 30th we celebrate the Feast Day of St Jeanne Jugan and we confide to her all of your special needs and intentions. We ask her intercession to plead for an end to this worldwide pandemic.

Mother Joseph Caroline, I.s.p.