

December 24, 2020

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

The Little Sisters of the Poor, along with the Residents and staff of St. Martin's Home, wish all our families and friends a blessed Christmas. May the Child Jesus give you peace and joy this holiest of days and may He comfort you on this very different Christmas day.

As we know from Governor Hogan's message last Friday, the Maryland Department of Health has issued a public health advisory which lowers the gathering limit from 25 to 10, and they are advising Marylanders against all non-essential activities and holiday gatherings with people outside of your immediate household. As Governor Hogan stated, "After doing so well for so long in the fight against COVID-19, we simply cannot afford to let down our guard over the holidays during this very critical time. Our message right now is simple: ***You are safer at home for the holidays this year.***"

Even with the shortened work week, I am happy to report that we have No new cases of the coronavirus from the last Friday and this past Monday. We completed the twice weekly testing today and will update you with any changes. The two staff members who were asymptomatic but tested positive a few weeks ago and then were in self-quarantine, have tested negative and now returned to work. One other staff member who was asymptomatic but tested positive, was in self-quarantine and will be out a few more days and then be retested before returning to work.

You have received by email the vaccine information and consent form and we ask that you return it as soon as possible. We are so looking forward to offering this to our Residents and staff. And as far as we know, we are still on track to have our vaccinations beginning the second week of January.

We wish you a very Blessed Christmas and as 2021 approaches, we ask God to bestow His love and joy upon you and your family during this special Season. Please stay well

Most sincerely,

Mother Joseph Caroline, I.s.p.  
Superior