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

As I previously reported to you on December 26, we had two employees test positive during the week of December 21. These two staff members remain at home on quarantine, are asymptomatic, and must receive two negative COVID tests prior to returning to work. 2 other staff members previously positive have returned to work.

Unfortunately, today we want to report 5 additional staff members and 3 Residents have tested positive for COVID. All are asymptomatic and are on quarantine at this time. The staff will be retested before returning to work.

You are aware the vaccine distribution began in Maryland recently. Walgreens is our assigned partner to administer the vaccine to our Residents, Little Sisters and staff. If things remain on schedule, we expect to offer these vaccinations in mid-January. All infection control measures will continue and staff testing will still be done twice a week even after the vaccine is administered. Like many, we are relieved, grateful and excited that effective vaccines for COVID-19 have been developed, tested and are being distributed.

Vaccines that are currently authorized for use by the FDA, and most that are under development, require two doses. The first dose helps the immune system recognize the virus and the second helps strengthen the immune system's response. Both are necessary for the best protection.

The Little Sisters wish all of you a wonderful New Year. Our primary focus continues to be on the safety and well-being of all the Residents in our care. We thank everyone for your continued support and prayers as together we each have an important role to play in combatting this virus. Let us all keep up our vigilance, wear our masks, keep our social distance and have good handwashing so that we will all get through this challenging time and meet in person in the New Year 2021. We so look forward to seeing all of you!

Please know of our prayers for you and please keep our Home in your prayers. Happy New Year!

Most sincerely,

Mother Joseph Caroline, I.s.p.
Superior