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

It gives me great joy to write to you today. Once again all unvaccinated employees and all those who have not received the booster tested negative in this week's testing. Communication from the Maryland Department of Health (based on guidance from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) seems to be easing rules for visitation to nursing homes. It reads:

"All visitors, regardless of vaccination status, shall be asked to provide proof of a negative test obtained within 72 hours of entry into the facility or to agree to be tested on site using a point of care/rapid test. If a visitor refuses the request to provide proof of a negative test or to take a test, the visitor shall wear a face covering and physically distance in accordance with CMS and CDC guidance. Visitors that test positive may not enter the facility."

Additionally, the regulation reads, "Visitors who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days are exempt from testing upon showing their positive test result that is more than 5 days from the time of visit as long as they are no longer exhibiting symptoms."

Although this eases the restrictions necessary to visit your loved one, I respectfully ask that you delay your visit to another time if you have a positive viral test or display symptoms of COVID-19 or other illness. The health of our beloved Residents is the number one priority of the Little Sisters and our staff. We thank you for trusting their care to us and we pray for you and your family daily.

Most sincerely,



Sister Jeanne Mary, l.s.p.
Superior