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

As we approach this 4th of July weekend, I am pleased to begin this letter with positive news. We have no new cases of COVID-19 at St. Martin's. The employee who tested positive almost two weeks ago remains on quarantine and is waiting for two negative tests before returning to work.

The weekly testing of employees which was directed by Governor Hogan begins Monday, July 6 and will continue each week as directed by the Governor, the Centers for Disease Control and the Maryland Department of Health. As always, the health and safety of your loved one remains our top priority and we have remained virus free among the Residents and the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Even with this holiday weekend celebration and without a doubt, wearing masks and practicing social distancing are vital to preventing the spread of COVID-19 among family and friends. Our Residents, Little Sisters and staff remain vigilant following safety and infection control procedures. During flu season and certain times throughout the year we are at an increased level for infection prevention. We are now at an even more heightened level and will continue to meet the daily challenges that may arise so as to keep everyone safe.

We continue to plan for and ease restrictions slowly, deliberately and with guidance from local and state health agencies. We are finding inspiration in the family conversations, the perspectives of the Residents who have been through other pandemics, wars and rations, and also see the amazing efforts by our staff who are committed to your loved one.

During this holiday weekend, stop over for a window visit or keep in touch by telephone, FaceTime, Zoom and Skype, all of which are important means of showering them with your love. We appreciate your confidence and what must seem like a great amount of trust right now in a time of physical separation. Our goal is to navigate through this time in a way that we end stronger in our relationship with you and with our Residents. Be safe and stay well.

The Little Sisters of the Poor pray for you daily.

Sister Joseph Caroline

Mother Joseph Caroline, l.s.p.

Superior