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

Today Walgreen's came to give the second dose of the Pfizer vaccine to those Residents, Little Sisters and employees who received the first dose in January. Additionally, they administered the first vaccine to those who did not receive it earlier. Those who received the first dose today, will receive their second dose in several weeks. I am very happy to say that a great percentage of those living and working at St. Martin's have received the vaccine. Following the information provided by the CDC, we know it typically takes a few weeks for the body to build immunity after vaccination. For us, this translates that it will be some time before we return to a more normal way of life, so in the meantime, we are still following safety protocols – taking temperatures, wearing masks, social distancing, and good handwashing.

The test results from last Friday and this past Monday and Tuesday showed no new cases of the Coronavirus. We are hopeful that our testing from yesterday will all be negative and if anything changes, we will let you know.

A few residents are on quarantine after being out for a Doctor's appointment or to the Hospital and all our other Residents are well and have resumed a more normal lifestyle. All staff members who had previously tested positive over the last several weeks and after their time of quarantine, have been able to return to work after their second negative test result.

Hope is no longer just on the horizon, it's here – not only in spirit but in the form of the COVID-19 vaccine. We remain awestruck by the resilience of our Residents and are so grateful they were able to receive the vaccine in this historical and hopeful milestone of the pandemic. Our third value is Humble Service. COVID-19 makes us even more aware of our holistic mission to create a living environment filled with social interaction and meaning in which our Residents can live their best life.

We are excited as we are currently upgrading our Audio/Visual system so that the Residents will be able to tune in to Main Street for entertainment or other programs, such as videos, etc. We look forward to being connected with them through this new venture. Please keep up your outdoor visits or other means of social communication. They love to hear from you.

Lent begins in less than two weeks and like Advent, Lent is a time to open the doors of our hearts a little wider and understand our Lord a little deeper. Please be assured of our prayers for you and your families now and during this holy season.

Most sincerely,

Mother Joseph Caroline, I.s.p.
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