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

St. Martin's Home is utilizing every avenue available to communicate with our Residents and families. We monitor daily Governor Hogan's website, the CDC, the Maryland Department of Health, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid. On Tuesday, January 26, 2021, Governor Hogan spoke about the shortage of the first vaccine. We are so blessed and so pleased that many of our Residents along with the Little Sisters and Staff were able to get their first COVID vaccine on January 14. We are anxiously awaiting the second vaccine on February 5, while others are scheduled to receive their first dose that day, since everyone couldn't receive it the same day.

With limitations on visitors still in place, it is important that we help our Residents connect with their loved ones. We have a Skype account for video chats, offer FaceTime, deliver written letters, and assist with traditional phone calls, text messages, and photo sharing. Our staff are here to assist Residents with the support they need to communicate with family in their preferred way. Before the weather gets too bad, please enjoy the very popular window visits. Our Residents love seeing you most of all.

As I have written before, you are sharing the mantle of responsibility with us to keep each other safe. In a sense, we are all essential workers now and how we conduct ourselves affects the lives of those around us. We continue to live in a critical time and staying away from exposure is the gift we give to each other and the ones we love. Wear a mask, ask others to wear a mask around you, wash and sanitize your hands frequently, and keep the six-foot mandatory distance. These hardships will not last forever although at times our sentiments are like the psalmists: *"How long, O Lord? How long will you hide your face from me?" (Ps.13:1)*

We are encouraged by our commitment to remain strong and hopeful with the generosity of our staff who share in our mission of providing the best home possible for your loved one. With last week Thursdays' test results, we rejoice that all were negative. The one Resident who was previously positive and who went to the hospital has returned and is on quarantine up to 14 days. We thank God and our good St. Joseph, that all other Residents are out of quarantine, at this time and back to a more normal routine for them.

From this past Monday's tests, all Residents and Little Sisters were negative, however, we have one staff member who tested positive, but they only work as needed and have not worked here since the end of December. The staff member will self-quarantine as a precaution for the family and will be retested before returning to work. The other staff member who previously tested positive is out on quarantine and we are awaiting their test results before they return to work. We are waiting for this week's second test results from Thursday, and will let you know of any changes, as needed.

Please keep all of us at St. Martin's in your prayers and we, in turn, continue to pray for you daily. Lent starts soon and ultimately the purpose of Lent does not stop at sadness and despair – it points us to the hope of the Resurrection and day when every tear will be wiped away (*Rev.21:4*).

Most sincerely,

Mother Joseph Caroline, I.s.p.  
Superior