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

Due to the drop in coronavirus cases within the State and no outbreak status per MDS guidelines, we are very pleased to report that our COVID testing of Residents and employees has been decreased. We are so grateful that this week's test results are back and all are negative.

The safety of our Residents is our number one priority as we maintain a conservative approach to reopening visitation at St. Martin's Home. Even as our home opens for visitation, we continue to implement strict safety and sanitation protocols in order to keep our Residents healthy and to adhere to CDC, state, and local guidelines.

If in the future we have a positive result, we will return to an increased frequency of testing and we will keep you informed of any positive cases. We are guided by plans and requirements placed upon us by federal, state, and local agencies.

On Monday, March 1, we welcomed our first family visits in several months and our beloved Residents cannot be happier knowing they will get to see you soon. Please arrange your visit with Danielle, our Activities Director. At your scheduled time, please enter the front of our Home, do a temperature check, and fill out the necessary COVID form. It only takes a minute; our employees do this daily prior to reporting to work. Everyone is required to wear a mask.

Visiting takes place in Main Street, where we ask you to adhere to the six-foot distancing guidelines as instructed by Governor Hogan and the Maryland Department of Health. We also ask that, as hard as it is to do, you refrain from touching and hugging your loved one. With spring approaching we are hoping that with everyone following the guidelines and getting vaccinated, things will change and all these strict precautions won't last forever. We encourage everyone to be as safe as possible, while we are still in the midst of the pandemic and hope for a more enjoyable time together.

Wednesday, March 3, 2021, was our last vaccine clinic. All those Residents, Little Sisters, and staff wishing to be vaccinated have done so. We thank God and our good St. Joseph for bringing this wonderful blessing into our Home and we encourage you to defend yourself against COVID-19 as well.

As we continue into the third week of Lent, the prayers of the Little Sisters and the Residents of St. Martin's Home are for you and your family and for an end to the pandemic.

We look forward to seeing you very soon.

Most sincerely,

Mother Joseph Caroline, I.s.p.  
Superior