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

On Tuesday, March 9, 2021, Governor Hogan announced the time was right, because of the improvement in coronavirus metrics and the increase in vaccinations, to remove capacity restrictions previously imposed on Maryland businesses. However, the Maryland Department of Health shared this important notification:

"As many of you are aware, CDC has updated their new guidance about relaxing restrictions for vaccinated individuals. Please note that this guidance did not apply to healthcare settings, including long term care and assisted living." However, just a few days ago, CDC and the Maryland Department of Health has also put out new guidelines for Healthcare facilities and we are looking at their recommendations and how it will affect our Home and our Residents.

Our current guidance about visits remains in place, so we will continue to schedule Resident family visits and if you want to visit, we ask that you call Danielle to arrange a time to come to see your loved one.

It is truly wonderful to welcome you into St. Martin's Home once again even though specific stipulations still apply:

- Screening at the front desk in the main lobby for all employees and visitors
- Safety protocols must be followed including wearing a mask at all times; social distancing; sanitize hands when arriving and leaving St. Martin's Home

We are happy to say that with our testing this week on March 11 we had no positive results. Since the State and County positivity rates are below 5%, we will not have any testing next week. We have been able to schedule testing for the following week. In order to keep everyone safe, we thank you in advance for following the CDC and MDH recommended protocols in your home and during your visits to your loved one at St. Martin's Home.

The safety and well-being of our beloved Residents is our priority. This week marked the one-year anniversary of St. Martin's shutting down in order to protect the most vulnerable members of our family – your loved ones. It was a very difficult year but one that brought us closer together as we navigated these unknown waters. We thank you for your patience, understanding, and commitment to keeping our Home safe. The Little Sisters continue to pray for you and your family and for an end to the pandemic.

We will be celebrating the Feast days of St Patrick and St Joseph this week!

Most sincerely,

Mother Joseph Caroline, I.s.p.
Superior