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

Yesterday during our routine weekly testing, a non-direct care staff member tested positive. This employee is now at home on quarantine and must have two negative tests before returning to work at St. Martin's.

We are very sorry that this happened in our Home just as visitations were opening up, activities were increased, and our beloved Residents were beginning to feel a little more freedom. Unfortunately, because of the positive result, all visits are temporarily on hold, along with group activities.

Because a positive result places us in outbreak status, our testing increases to twice weekly – Mondays and Thursdays – for all Residents and staff. This bi-weekly testing will continue for at least the next fourteen days and perhaps longer depending on the test results.

Following to the Maryland Department of Health directives, St. Martin's Home checks the CDC, CMS, and MDH guidance to ensure we are complying with the most current regulations and we adjust our policies, procedures, and protocols accordingly. We continue to screen all persons who enter our Home for signs and symptoms of COVID-19, including temperature checks, and refuse entry to anyone screening positive for any signs of the virus. All Little Sisters, staff and visitors wear the appropriate face covering, when inside St. Martin's Home.

We remain diligent in our fight against this coronavirus, and we are hopeful that this one positive incident will not result in further positive tests. Depending on the results of the tests this week, we will let you know on Friday, if you are able to resume outdoor visits with your loved one this weekend.

The Little Sisters continue to pray daily for you, your families, and your intentions. We are united with Pope Francis and the whole world, as he has initiated during this Month a 30-day Rosary Marathon to beg the Lord to stop this Covid Pandemic.

Let us pray for the safety of one another and ask our good St. Joseph to protect all of us.

Most sincerely,

Mother Joseph Caroline, I.s.p.
Superior