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

I am Mother Jeanne Mary and it is a pleasure to serve the beloved Residents of St. Martin's Home as the new superior. As the State of Maryland is now allowing visitors to our Home, I hope I will have the opportunity to meet you when you visit your loved one.

Our testing on Monday of all unvaccinated Residents and staff was negative. You may remember from an earlier correspondence that St. Agnes Hospital offered to give the vaccine to any Residents who had not gotten it previously. I am very happy to report that all Residents are now vaccinated along with 73% of the staff. We are assisting the remaining staff in procuring their shot.

There have been many questions around wearing masks since the CDC released new guidelines a few weeks ago and the State of Maryland and Governor Hogan released guidelines for the State. However, there are no changes to the requirements for wearing masks in nursing homes. All Residents, Little Sisters, staff and visitors are required to wear masks and to register at the front desk when entering our Home.

We are providing ongoing in-services to keep our nursing staff up-to-date on protocol and best practices and offer continuous information and education to help everyone stay happy and healthy. Hand sanitizing products are available throughout St. Martin's as a supplement to regular and frequent handwashing. We continue to follow infection control guidelines including frequent cleaning of all high touch areas in an effort to keep our St. Martin's family safe.

Although 2020 ushered in a year filled with unrest, anxiety and sickness, you should know that the Little Sisters and their staff demonstrated resilience and unbroken commitment to our Residents and to each other. We ask God and our good St. Joseph to bless you and your family and we ask you to remember Grandparents' Day this Sunday as Pope Francis requested. There are fun activities planned so please make arrangement with our Activities Director, Danielle, to visit with that special person.

Most sincerely,

Sister Jeanne Mary, I.s.p.

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