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

We continue to remain vigilant as the COVID-19 cases rise throughout the country. Unfortunately this week's testing produced one positive result in a contract employee who has little to no contact with our beloved Residents. This employee was fully vaccinated and is currently quarantining at home.

Because of the positive result, there are changes in our protocols. All Residents and employees will be tested twice weekly for the next 14 days. Effective immediately, employees taking vacation will need to obtain a negative COVID-19 test prior to returning to work. Additionally, if the employee will be around large groups, or travelling to high outbreak states, they will need to quarantine. This applies to all employees whether vaccinated or unvaccinated. Though it still appears it is uncommon for vaccinated people to become positive, it is clear this is not as rare as originally thought. What is unvarying is the data that states the Delta strain is extremely easy to catch, and those who are immunocompromised, and whose immune systems may not be functioning at full capacity, such as the elderly, are most at risk.

News regarding the virus is not good and sadly we must limit visitations to window visits, Skype, FaceTime, video chat or the many other options available. Please make arrangements with Danielle, our Activities Director or Nikki, our activities assistant. We understand how disappointing this is to both you and your loved one. However, it is a temporary situation and we hope to welcome you back for a face-to-face visit very soon.

As always, we want to thank God and our good St. Joseph for their continued protection of our St. Martin's Home. We are striving to support the well-being of all – the physical health for sure, but also the emotional and spiritual needs of each of our beloved Residents.

The Little Sisters, the Residents, and the staff pray daily you and your family. We pray that our dear Lord keeps you well and protects you from harm.

Most sincerely,

Sister Jeanne Mary, l.s.p.
Superior