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

The fall season is officially here and we were hoping by this time the pandemic would be behind us. Yet, one of the top news stories for the past several weeks is the hurtling spread of the COVID variants. We are so thankful such a large percentage of our staff has received the vaccine.

For those employees who have not been vaccinated, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently revised their guidelines related to long-term care (LTC) facility testing requirements. Specifically, starting this week, St. Martin's Home began testing all unvaccinated employees twice a week; and, I am very pleased that the testing done on both Monday and Thursday was negative. The revised COVID staff testing is based on Baltimore County's level of community transmission rather than the county's test positivity rate. Currently Baltimore County remains in the High (Red) or Substantial (Orange) COVID transmission rate per the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Please continue to contact Danielle, our Activities Director, or Nikki, our Activities Assistant, to arrange a visit with your loved one. Or if you prefer, they will also assist you in 'visiting' through FaceTime, Zoom, Skype or cell phone.

May God continue to bless you and your family.

Most sincerely,

Sister Jeanne Mary, l.s.p.  
Superior