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

On Wednesday, November 3, 2021, Ascension St. Agnes administered the booster shot to all Residents, Little Sisters and employees. And our beloved Residents never cease to amaze me. Whenever they gather, even if it is to receive a shot, they enjoy themselves. The joy and laughter coming from the waiting area would trick you into believing they were attending a party.

Once again this week I am very happy to inform you that all unvaccinated employees tested negative for COVID-19. We are very pleased with these results but are still hopeful this small percentage of staff will receive their vaccination. While the vaccine does not provide complete immunity to the virus and its variant, it does provide a better chance for lesser symptoms.

Most understand the terrific toll this pandemic has taken on those working in healthcare, now worsened because of the staffing issues plaguing every industry. Our St. Martin's employees are no exception. We are intensely grateful for each of them! They are remarkable people, and they are acutely tired. They need our prayers, patience, and encouragement.

Please continue to contact either Danielle or Nikki in Activities to schedule your visits. And please remember:

- Visitors must log in and have their temperature taken when entering the building
- Visitors need to wear a mask while in common space and traveling to a resident's room (Vaccinated visitors may visit in the Residents' rooms. Unvaccinated visitors will meet with their loved ones in Main Street.)
- Please do not visit if you are feeling ill or congested

Following final approval by the CDC, Governor Larry Hogan announced on November 3 that state health officials have authorized providers across the state to immediately begin scheduling appointments, holding clinics, and vaccinating 5- to 11-year-olds in Maryland. This is another step forward in the fight to rid ourselves of the coronavirus.

As the holidays approach, the Little Sisters are more aware of the need for prayers. We will remember you daily and ask our God and our good St. Joseph to keep you safe.

Most sincerely,

Sister Jeanne Mary, I.S.P.
Superior