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Dear St. John's Residents and Family Members,

As we marked the start of this week with the federal observance of Memorial Day, I am not only reminded of those men and women that have died while serving in the military, but also our senior care heroes who have been tirelessly working every day to care for the elders at St. John's since the start of this COVID-19 pandemic. The fight against coronavirus has been figuratively compared to that of a war with our essential workers as the men and women on the battle front lines. I am so proud of our team at St. John's that has shown great endurance in this long, unrelenting conflict.

We received back early this week the complete set of results from the round of mass resident testing conducted by the Department of Health last Wednesday, May 20 and Thursday, May 21. Out of all the residents tested, there were only 2 positives. These results are clearly a victory on the part of our staff in keeping our residents safe and mitigating the spread of COVID-19.

Yesterday, Wednesday, May 27, we began COVID-19 testing of our employees in compliance with the New York State mandate. Per the requirements, all staff will be tested weekly until the mandate is lifted.

In keeping with our continued efforts to create meaningful engagement activities for the residents during this period of visitation restriction, we held special Memorial Day activities at St. John's Home on Wednesday. Our residents who are veterans were recognized specially with red, white and blue stars of honor hung throughout the ground floor Community Room. Patriotic music filled the halls inside and the courtyard outside as residents enjoyed decorated cookies and beverages. Residents were also able to enjoy one-to-one, socially distanced visits with peer residents and staff in the courtyard due to the exceptionally beautiful weather we have been enjoying this week.

Additionally, the very popular "quarantini" cart that brought themed beverages and ice cream treats to residents on the neighborhoods while the floors were under greater restrictions, has now been opened up at the ice cream shop/bar area on the ground floor so that residents can begin to enjoy time off the neighborhoods with social distancing rules still observed. The gift shop has also opened up to residents with limited hours and capacity limits much like those observed in community retail establishments for the additional protection of the residents.

I hope this message finds you enjoying this early taste of summer the warmer weather has brought. Thank you for your continued support of our St. John's family.

Sincerely,

President and CEO

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