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Dear St. John's Residents and Family Members,

You may be aware that the United States Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), issued updated guidance yesterday for nursing homes to safely expand visitation options during the COVID-19 pandemic public health emergency (PHE). While these updated guidelines released by the federal government provide cause for optimism and hope for continuing changes at the local level, what is important to note is that St. John's Home, as a New York-funded nursing home, is governed by guidelines released by the New York State Department of Health. Specifically, if the state guidelines are more restrictive in nature, the state guidelines provide the parameters for our required visitation practices, superseding any federally-released communication.

At this time, the New York State Department of Health has not provided any updated guidance with respect to this new federal notice. We will continue to update you as more information becomes available regarding nursing home visitation changes. In the meantime, we continue preparing for the likely positive changes to come and look forward to welcoming families and visitors to our facility in the near future.

Thank you for your continued patience as we navigate these ever-changing requirements for reopening nursing home visitation.

Sincerely,

President and CEO

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