



ATTENTION ST. PAUL'S COMMUNITY LIVING RESIDENTS, FAMILY MEMBERS AND TEAM MEMBERS

11/9/2020 COVID-19 UPDATE – *please read this in its entirety.*

Due to the everchanging situation with COVID-19 and heightened concerns about the potential spread of this virus and other serious respiratory illnesses like influenza, St. Paul's Senior Living Community, Greenville, PA, has continued to evaluate its preparedness in response to information and recommendations shared by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA-DOH) and others. As you know, St. Paul's serves a fragile population and we have a responsibility to implement a plan of action to protect our population and our workforce.

COMMUNITY LIVING HOUSES

Today, we were notified by one of our third-party health care providers that one of their team members who had recently provided services at our Oakview house tested positive for COVID-19. During their visit the health care provider was using full personal protective equipment including an N95 mask. Based on guidance from CMS, CDC, PA DOH and others, these circumstances do not present a risk of transmission.

In light of this we are employing precautions as follows for both Oakview and Jamestown houses due to the fact that we do share team members between the two homes:

- Our team members will continue to screen before each scheduled shift at The Villas including temperature.
- Team members will screen residents daily including taking their temperature in the morning and monitoring for the following symptoms:
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Congestion or runny nose
- Team members are to wear masks at all times
- Residents are to wear a mask when out of their rooms, receiving personal care or when in their rooms with another person present (i.e., third-party health care worker). In addition, residents are to wear a mask anytime they leave the house.
- If at any time a resident displays symptoms, we will follow up with their PCP for further instructions.

IN ADDITION

- The following guidelines remain in place for ALL visitation at The Jamestown and The Oakview houses:
 - Visits are limited to two (2) visitors per resident. A baby or child counts as one visitor.
 - Visits are limited to one hour.
 - Residents are permitted to have visitors more than once per week.
 - Visitors must be screened at the door by a Community Living team member prior to entering the house including temperatures.
 - Visitors and residents **MUST** wear masks **AT ALL TIMES** during a visit. Masks must cover the mouth and nose properly.
 - Visitation will take place at the kitchen table– socially distanced. Only the resident and their visitors should be present.
 - Once seated, visitors and residents **MUST** remain in their seats until the visit is concluded. Please **DO NOT** move chairs at any time during a visit.
 - Food or beverages are not to be consumed during any visits. **Masks must remain on** at all times.
 - Most importantly, if a family member wishes to bring something in to give the resident during a visit, we ask that you give it to a team member to pass on to the resident. The same applies if a resident wishes to give the family member something. We ask that visitors and residents **DO NOT** pass items directly to each other. Social distancing **MUST** be maintained during the visit.
 - Residents are not permitted to touch or hold babies or small children during a visit.
 - **Please consider, these guidelines are designed to keep our residents and team members safe and healthy. If visitors do not follow these guidelines, they may be asked to leave. By not following guidelines visitors may jeopardize future visits for themselves and all other residents and their visitors.**
- Non-essential personnel (i.e. beauticians, etc.) are still permitted in the houses. All non-essential personnel will be screened at The Villas before going to The Jamestown or The Oakview houses. While in the house, both residents and non-essential personnel **MUST** wear masks at all times.
- Residents continue to go out for essential medical appointments **ONLY**. St. Paul's is providing transportation for essential medical appointments whenever possible. Families are permitted to ***transport residents for medical appointments in special circumstances only***. Residents and family members **MUST WEAR THEIR MASKS THE ENTIRE TIME THEY ARE TOGETHER**. If family do transport, they are not permitted to take a resident anywhere besides the medical appointment (i.e. hair care or nail care appointments). Doing so will require a 14-day quarantine for the resident.

As always, we encourage you to refer to the CDC, CMS and PA DOH websites for more information. Please monitor our website (www.stpauls1867.org) and Facebook page (stpaulseniorlivingcommunity) for updated information.

If you have any questions regarding this communication or St. Paul's Plan of Action for Community Living please contact Rita Clemente, VP of Community Relations or Michelle O'Malley, Client and Staff Development Coordinator.