



**ATTENTION: HERITAGE AND RIDGEWOOD RESIDENTS, FAMILY MEMBERS AND TEAM MEMBERS**

**IMPORTANT – 1/28/2020 COVID-19 UPDATE** – *please read this in its entirety.*

In accordance with shared recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH) and others, St. Paul's is in the process of administering our weekly widespread team member and resident COVID-19 testing.

**THE RIDGEWOOD ONLY**

The Ridgewood has received all of the test results from its weekly resident and team member testing for the week January 24, 2021. Two residents tested positive. Residents and their responsible parties were notified verbally immediately.

Any resident that tests positive is quarantined to their apartment which is now considered a RED ZONE. Added PPE precautions are in place for RED ZONES in order to provide proper care until they meet criteria for discontinuation of transmission-based precautions as defined by CMS and PA DOH.

All other resident neighborhoods continue to follow "YELLOW ZONE" protocols, a measure required to be taken when a potential exposure exists. As a YELLOW ZONE the following protocols continue:

- All non-essential services including visitation and beauty and barber services remain suspended.
- Dining services will be provided in each resident's apartment
- Activities are suspended until further notice.
- Enhanced personal protective equipment, such as N95 masks, gowns, face shields, etc., is now being required in designated Yellow Zones.
- Ongoing team member education is in place to reiterate the proper use of personal protective equipment, navigation between neighborhoods only when necessary, navigation within the building outside of resident areas when necessary, etc.
- We will continue our ongoing testing on a weekly basis for all residents and staff. We will adjust this frequency based on guidance as outlined by CMS and PA DOH.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mickie Chapman, administrator of The Ridgewood.

**THE HERITAGE ONLY**

We have received all of our test results from our weekly Heritage resident and team member testing for the week January 24, 2021. ALL residents and team members were negative. Since this is our second week of testing that all residents and team members are negative we are permitted to move The Heritage back to a GREEN ZONE. These following protocols apply:

- Visitation remains limited to virtual visits via FaceTime or Zoom and window visits. Visits MUST be pre-scheduled times with the receptionist. ***Due to the ongoing high positivity rate in Mercer County (greater than 10%) we will not be open to indoor visits at this time.***

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- Dining services at Heritage will move back to the dining rooms for all residents. Residents are to wear masks to and from the dining room and maintain social distancing.
- Activities will be offered for residents at The Heritage for groups of ten (10) or less while social distancing and wearing masks. Life Enrichment outings are permitted for residents unexposed to COVID-19.
- Salon services will be offered at The Heritage employing all appropriate safety guidelines

We are thankful to be moving in this direction at The Heritage and as always will keep you apprised of any changes. This is proving to be a very fluid and ever-changing situation and we appreciate your patience and cooperation as we navigate through these uncharted waters.

If you have any questions regarding this communication or St. Paul's plan of action please contact Dianna Jones, Administrator at The Heritage.