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COVID-19 UPDATES FOR RESIDENTS AND FAMILIES GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS

Due to updated and revised guidance received from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for NURSING HOMES, St. Paul's has expanded its existing visitor, staff and resident processes as follows:

1. Most significantly, we have been directed to cancel communal dining and all group activities in The Villas. Although there is no requirement that residents must stay in their rooms at this time; we are being vigilant about encouraging residents to maintain social distancing (6').
2. We continue to monitor our residents daily for signs and symptoms of respiratory infection resident including temperatures.
3. Visitors are limited only to compassionate care situations (i.e. end of life situation). They must continue to pass the screening process for entry. ***These visitors need to wear a mask, and limit their visitation to the resident's room.*** Instructions will be given to visitors re: (a) hand washing; (b) limiting the touching of surfaces; (c) limiting physical contact and practicing social distancing (6').
4. Screenings, including temperatures, continue for ALL staff, essential third-party health care workers and qualified visitors.
5. We strongly discourage family members from taking residents out of the building for anything other than essential medical appointments.
6. We continue to work with residents and families to ensure ongoing communications and opportunities for Skype and Facetime. Please reach out to Life Enrichment in THE VILLAS to pursue your personal options as it relates to social media communications. If your loved one's Life Enrichment Specialist is not available please contact the receptionist for further follow up.

As always, we encourage you to refer to the CDC, CMS and PA DOH websites for more information.

We continue to stress the importance of handwashing as this is the number one way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and Influenza.

If you have any questions regarding this communication or St. Paul's Plan of Action please contact one of our administrators: Tammy Lininger, The Villas; Dianna Jones, The Heritage, Jones Serenity Circle and Jones Serenity Lane; Mickie Chapman, The Ridgewood; or Rita Clemente, The Colony.

Please monitor our website (www.stpauls1867.org) and Facebook page (stpaulsseniorlivingcommunity) for updated information as our guidelines are subject to change.