



RESIDENTS AND FAMILIES OF ST. PAUL'S

MARCH 24, 2020

COVID-19 UPDATES FOR RESIDENTS AND FAMILIES GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS

1. The Pennsylvania Department of Health has now confirmed one positive case of COVID-19 in Mercer County. We'd like reassure our residents and family members that we are following the guidelines as set by the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH) and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to reduce risks for all of our residents and staff. We continue to be vigilant in doing our part through visitor restrictions, screenings, social distancing and promoting good personal hygiene to all of our staff and residents. As a health care provider, we have and will continue to care for individuals with infectious diseases. We always take our lead from PA DOH and CMS following the most current guidelines and regulations.
2. Residents continue with social distancing during dining and activities in The Villas, The Heritage and The Ridgewood.
3. We continue to monitor our residents daily for signs and symptoms of respiratory infection including temperature.
4. 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 are being given to visitors re: (a) hand washing; (b) limiting the touching of surfaces; (c) limiting physical contact and practicing social distancing (6').
5. Screenings, including temperatures, continue for ALL staff, essential third-party health care workers and qualified visitors.
6. Residents should be going out for **essential medical appointments ONLY.**
7. Our Life Enrichment team along with our IT department continue to work with our residents and their families to use Skype or Facetime to communicate. In addition, families are encouraged to call or text to stay in touch. For help coordinating a video call please reach out to Life Enrichment or the administrator in their absence.

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.