ATTENTION ST. PAUL’S RESIDENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS

5/1/2020 COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE— please read this in its entirety.

St. Paul’s Senior Living Community, Greenville, PA, continues to adjust its action plan in response to information, recommendations and requirements 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. Please keep in mind that all of the steps we are taking are in the best interest of the health and safety of residents and staff. Also note, that our plan of action is subject to change as new information becomes available.

The following is an update for this week:

- We have all heard talk, read news articles, seen videos and read social media posts indicating that our state and surrounding states are working on a plan to start opening up business and relaxing the stay at home orders we have been under. While we believe it is important that we all work together and find our way back to some sense of normalcy, here at St. Paul’s our primary objective has been and will always be to keep our residents and team safe. Our industry was one of the first industries to put safety measures in place, including restricting visitor access. We would anticipate that we will be one of the last industries to re-open our doors to visitors. While it’s understood that this will pro long the sacrifices our residents and their loved ones have made, we must continue to be vigilant in maintaining safety for our residents and team. We will continue to look for safe alternatives for visitation and resident engagement as the weeks and months progress. We greatly appreciate all the support and cooperation received from our residents, team and family members during this unique time.

- According to CMS and PA DOH guidelines, visiting is still limited to residents who are at the end of their life. We continue to offer opportunities for video/virtual visits using Facetime or Skype. To arrange a video call, please reach out to our Life Enrichment team.

- As hospitals and medical centers begin to offer non-essential and elective procedures and surgeries we realize the potential need for our residents to go out for medical appointments. Our transportation department will provide ALL transportation for residents needing to go out except in extenuating circumstances. Extenuating circumstances are evaluated on a case by case basis.

- Please remember to visit our website to view weekly videos that feature photos of residents and staff during the week. In addition, bulletins for family members are now posted on the website weekly.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We all can protect ourselves and others from COVID-19 and Influenza by following these general guidelines at all times:

1. Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the restroom; before eating; after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing or between tasks.
2. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
3. Avoid physical contact with others. Maintain an appropriate social distance (6’). Social distance plus a mask is the best combination for reducing risk.
4. Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw it in the trash can. If you don’t have a tissue, cough into your elbow or sleeve.
5. Do not touch your face, especially the T-zone – your eyes, nose and mouth.
6. Routinely clean frequently touched surfaces and objects. High touch surfaces include but aren’t limited to counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, phones, TV remotes, light switches, keyboards, tablets and bedside tables.
7. Stay at home when you are sick.
8. Consider Stay at home unless a trip out is essential.

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

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 and Without Walls.

Please monitor our website (www.stpauls1867.org) and Facebook page (stpaulsseniorlivingcommunity) for updated information.