



## **ATTENTION ST. PAUL'S RESIDENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS**

**6/12/2020 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:**

- It's now been one week since Mercer County moved to the GREEN phase for opening up. We continue to watch the number of cases and will do so throughout these next few weeks. During this time, we continue to have discussions about what opening up looks like here at St. Paul's keeping regulations in mind. Remember, we are under the direction of PA Department of Health's regulations. Visit our website to see one of the most recent communications from the Department of Health dated 6-2-2020 regarding senior communities opening up (<https://www.stpauls1867.org/contact/covid-19-updates>). According to the bulletin, we won't make plans for reopening for ***AT LEAST 28 DAYS*** from June 5<sup>th</sup>. However, PA DOH has indicated that there will likely be reopening parameters **in addition to this 28-day waiting period in** the GREEN phase including but not limited to testing results as discussed below. We anticipate further guidance from State Officials to clarify the process. Otherwise, restrictions that still apply to us are:
  - Visiting is still limited to residents who are at the end of life.
  - No communal dining or resident activities are permitted at this time.
- We have received the updated guidelines for required testing for staff and residents as prepared by our governing officials. We continue to work with our state association and other communities like St. Paul's to interpret the recommendations and determine how to best apply them to St. Paul's. Again, testing is not something we take lightly. We continue to evaluate our testing strategy and work towards arriving at a solution that works best for our community and meets the authoritative guidance set forth by our regulators.
- Appointments outside of St. Paul's are still limited to essential medical appointments only. Restrictions for "non-essential services such as beauty/barber" still apply. We are actively advocating with the PA DOH for the ability to reopen our salons. In addition, trips out into the community for salon services or church services are strongly discouraged. Residents choosing to go out for such reasons are subject to self-quarantine for 14 days upon return.

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- All team members continue to wear masks during work hours. Residents are encouraged to wear masks when out of their rooms/apartments within the building. Residents are required to wear masks when leaving the campus for essential appointments.
- Our through the glass visits as well as our video call visits are still encouraged in all areas on campus. Reach out to our Life Enrichment team to schedule a visit.
- We hope our families of residents living in The Villas have enjoyed the drive-by parades held over these past two weeks. We know the residents have enjoyed them and we are grateful for all of the family members and friends who participated. Please visit our website to view videos of the parades and other activities and events.
- We have been and continue to use a texting software to notify family members when something new is posted to our website. Please record the phone number 1-925-231-7610 as this is the number that will appear in the texts you receive from St. Paul's. We hope you find this process of notification helpful in order to receive timely communications.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

***We all can protect ourselves and others from COVID-19 and Influenza by following these general guidelines at all times:*** wash hands often; maintain an appropriate social distance (6'); wear a mask when in public and frequently clean high touch surfaces. Thank you for doing your part.

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](http://www.stpauls1867.org)) and Facebook page (stpaulseniorlivingcommunity) for updated information.