



ATTENTION ST. PAUL'S RESIDENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS

6/18/2020 COVID-19 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.

COVID TESTING INITIATIVE

On June 8, 2020, PA Secretary of Health, Dr. Rachel Levine, mandated testing of staff and residents in skilled nursing across PA. We are also anticipating that this mandate will be applied to Assisted Living and Personal Care in the coming weeks.

The baseline testing mandate from the State is geared more towards enhancing existing infection control processes and not necessarily designed for diagnosis. It is important to note that we will plan to act accordingly based on our test results; however, completing baseline testing will not necessarily have an impact on when we re-open to visitors and/or may not change our current operating procedures.

Given the fact that this testing has been mandated for all residents and team members, we wanted to do everything we could to ensure our plan was appropriate for our residents and team members, the process went smoothly and, most importantly, it's relatively pleasant for all involved. One of our greatest concerns at the onset was the invasive and unpleasant approach that most common testing kits available utilized.

We are very pleased to report that we have found an acceptable, much more pleasant and approved option for testing our residents and team members. This testing approach is a nasal swab, which may best be described as cleaning your nostrils out with a tissue.

Under the direction of our Medical Director, Dr. Aaron Listopad, we will begin our baseline testing on Monday June 22, 2020 with the intent of having Villas residents and all St. Paul's team members completed by weeks end. We will plan to test residents in personal care in early July at the latest.

We intend to stay on a tight timeline and get through the testing process as quickly as possible so that our results will be received in a short time window. Test results take approximately 48 hours. Should a resident test positive, the resident and family will be notified immediately. If you have any questions related to this testing initiative please feel free to reach out to LeAnn McCurdy, Director of Nursing at ext. 1171, or Teresa Heckman, Assistant Director of Nursing at ext. 1124.