



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

**7/17/2020 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.

### **Weekly Update:**

- There are now 19 states that the Governor's office has indicated the need for 14 days self-quarantine upon return to Pennsylvania if traveling has occurred within the last 14 days. Those states are Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nevada, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Iowa, Delaware, Kansas and Oklahoma. These new guidelines have been incorporated into our screening process for team members, 3<sup>rd</sup> party health care workers, essential vendors and exceptional visitors.
- We continue our daily screenings of both residents and team members. We will continue to test residents who display symptoms that are consistent with COVID-19. In addition, we will continue to refer team members to their primary care physicians when displaying symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
- Our efforts continue as we review the guidance received from the PA Department of Health for both personal care (The Heritage and The Ridgewood) and nursing care (The Villas) on June 26, 2020. The guidance gives us multiple steps we must follow and prerequisites we must meet in order to modify our current restrictions. We are currently reviewing that guidance and discussing our plan of action as we prepare for step two that impacts visitation and communal dining and activities for residents. Just a reminder that we have posted both **The Interim Guidance for Skilled Nursing Facilities 6-26-2020** and **The Interim Guidance for Personal Care Homes 6/26/2020** on our website for your reference. As our plans develop to move through the steps we will notify you accordingly. Keep in mind, our focus is the safety and health of our residents and team members so we are taking this guidance very seriously.
- Meanwhile, the following guidance still applies:
  - Family visits remain limited to End-of-Life visits
  - There are NO OUTSIDE VISITS PERMITTED for The Villas, The Heritage, The Ridgewood or Community Living homes.
  - We are transporting residents out for ESSENTIAL medical appointments ONLY.
  - ALL team members must continue to wear masks while on duty.

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- Residents should be wearing a mask when outside of their rooms or apartments as tolerated.
- Visits through a glass door or window are still permitted – however, the door or window MUST remain closed.
- Life Enrichment team members continue to coordinate video calls via Facetime or Skype. Please reach out to them to schedule a visit in advance.
- Just a reminder - If you'd like to add other family members to our text distribution list please email Rita Clemente, VP of Community Relations at [rclemente@sp1867.org](mailto:rclemente@sp1867.org) and include the contact's name and cell phone number and the resident's name and the location in which the resident resides.

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, social distancing and wearing a cloth mask when in public or unable to social distance and as the best defense in preventing the spread of COVID-19.***

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](http://www.stpauls1867.org)) and Facebook page (stpaulseniorlivingcommunity) for updated information as our guidelines are subject to change.