



ATTENTION ST. PAUL'S RESIDENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS – The Villas, The Heritage, and The Ridgewood

8/6/2020 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.

IMPORTANT UPDATE:

On August 5th, we informed you that St. Paul's had a Villas team member who was awaiting confirmation on a positive Covid-19 test. We were informed today that the Department of Health has confirmed this positive result. We have also concluded our investigation on this matter, which included consultation with a Department of Health Epidemiologist.

Based on our investigation, we determined that the last contact this team member had with any other St. Paul's team members was on Friday July 31, 2020. This contact was limited to only two other team members and no residents. All involved indicated that the contact was brief, socially distanced and masks were worn at all times. During that same week, the positive team member only worked one other day in where contact was also limited with others and did not include any residents. As of the writing of this correspondence, neither of the team members having brief interactions with the positive team member have exhibited any signs or symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Guidance from the Department of Health, CMS and the Epidemiologist would indicate that none of these brief encounters present risk of transmission, but we have chosen to err on the side of caution. These two team members have been administered a COVID-19 test and we have asked them not to report to work until we have the results. As for the team member who tested positive, we are following the guidance from the PA DOH. This team member will not be permitted to work until they have been symptom free for an appropriate period of time, indicating they are no longer at risk for transmission. Please keep this team member in your thoughts in hopes for a speedy recovery.

In following the re-opening guidance published by the PA Department of Health, which is available on our website for your review, we will be suspending visitation opportunities and barber and beauty services in the VILLAS only for at least 28 days. We are deeply sorry that we must suspend these opportunities, but the safety and well-being of our residents and other team members has been and continues to be our utmost priority.

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If you have any questions regarding this communication or St. Paul's Plan of Action please contact one of our administrators: Tammy Lininger, administrator, Leann McCurdy, director of nursing, or Teresa Heckman, assistant director of nursing.

Please monitor our website (www.stpauls1867.org) and Facebook page (stpaulseniorlivingcommunity) for updated information as our guidelines are subject to change.

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 and include the contact's name and cell phone number and the resident's name along with the location in which the resident resides.