



**ATTENTION: RIDGEWOOD RESIDENTS, FAMILY MEMBERS AND TEAM MEMBERS**

**IMPORTANT – 9/27/2021 COVID-19 UPDATE** – *please read this in its entirety.*

In accordance with shared recommendations for the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH) and others, we are required to notify you each time there is a change or development in our Covid-19 status, including new cases among residents and/or team members. We are also required to notify you if we admit a resident with a Covid-19 diagnosis even if they have met the criteria for discontinuation of transmission-based precautions.

We continue to perform testing of team members as per Department of Health guidance. Team members who present with symptoms consistent with Covid-19 are taken off the schedule and advised to consult with their clinician. In addition, any resident(s) who present with symptoms consistent with Covid-19 are tested.

The Ridgewood completed another round of testing on 9/23/2021 based on the positive team member from 9/14/2021. All tests for residents and team members were negative. Therefore, The Ridgewood will move back to a Green Zone status Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.

Effective Wednesday, visitation will reopen and residents will be able dine in the dining room.

We will continue testing unvaccinated team members on 9/29/2021 and weekly thereafter according to the PA DOH guidance.

We will continue to keep you apprised as important information becomes available. We appreciated your continued support and understanding as the safety of those we serve is at the forefront of our decision making.

If you have any questions regarding this communication or St. Paul's plan of action, please contact Mickie Chapman, administrator of The Ridgewood.