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

**IMPORTANT – 8/19/2021 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 all 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, we testing residents who present with symptoms consistent with Covid-19.

We are pleased to report that no new resident and no additional staff cases have been identified as a result of this week’s testing. As such, the following neighborhoods are GREEN zones and are open to visitors – Willows A & B, Springs A and B, and The Meadows*. Visiting hours remain unchanged.

**Visitation for residents who are YELLOW (within 14 days of admission or readmission*) or in any neighborhood designated as a YELLOW zone remains SUSPENDED.** Residents in a YELLOW zone can participate in virtual or window visits. The neighborhoods include:

- Gardens A
- Gardens B

Virtual visits can be coordinated by calling the Life Enrichment staff or neighborhood staff.

Yellow Zones are designated rooms or neighborhoods signifying potential exposure exists. Residents are quarantined for 14-days from the date of their last potential exposure. Group activities within these zones are suspended and staff use enhanced personal protective equipment including N95 masks, gowns, and eye protection.

We will continue ongoing testing on all residents and team members at least weekly until we have had no new Covid-19 positive cases with staff and residents in 14 days (2 testing cycles). The frequency of ongoing testing after that point will be determined based on guidance provided by CMS and PADOH. Updates will be provided as future testing information becomes available.

We appreciate everyone’s support and understanding. If you have any questions regarding this communication or St Paul’s plan of action please contact Tammy Lininger, Administrator at the Villas or Leann McCurdy, Director of Nursing at the Villas.