



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

**IMPORTANT – 11/26/2020 COVID-19 UPDATE** – *please read this in its entirety.*

In accordance with shared recommendations for the Centers for Disease Control, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Pennsylvania Department of Health 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 began weekly testing on Saturday, November 21, 2020 of all residents and team members in the Villas. We have received the majority of our results back for our residents and a little more than half of our team members. In an effort to help identify cases quicker, we administered screening testing again on all residents yesterday and will likely continue widespread screening testing for residents more frequently until we see a decline in cases. In addition to our ongoing screening testing, we continue to test residents who present symptoms consistent with Covid-19.

Since our update yesterday, we have no new cases in residents to report. We did however receive notification that seven of our team members tested positive for Covid-19 this week.

Since this outbreak began on November 12, 2020 we have had a total of 23 residents and 18 team members at the Villas test positive for Covid-19. In addition, we have also admitted one resident who has met the criteria for discontinuation of transmission-based precautions.

Any residents that have tested positive and remain in our care reside in our designated “Red Zone” neighborhood, Orchards A, where they receive proper care and minimize the risk of further exposure to others who are not positive.

We continue to be vigilant as a community and a team in our efforts to minimize the spread of Covid-19 and while we are experiencing positive cases in residents and team members, we are still very proud of our team and our residents for doing their best to minimize case numbers in a period of high community transmission; data estimates that 1-in-10 people in our region currently have Covid-19.

All other resident neighborhoods continue to follow “Yellow Zone” protocols, a measure required to be taken when a potential exposure exists.

Please review our website for further information regarding procedures already in place due to positive Covid-19 cases. Please keep those impacted by Covid-19 in your thoughts and prayers.

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.