



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

**IMPORTANT – 12/3/2020 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 have started to receive test results back from our lab for tests completed at the end of the last week and the beginning of this week. In an effort to help identify cases quicker, we are administering screening testing on all residents in 4-5-day intervals as opposed to weekly. We continue widespread screening testing of team members at least weekly and it will be administered at various times throughout the week going forward as compared to specified days. In addition to our ongoing screening testing, we continue to test residents who present symptoms consistent with Covid-19 and request staff consult with their clinician in the event they present with symptoms.

Since our last bulletin, we received notification that no new residents have tested positive and five new team members tested positive for Covid-19.

Since this outbreak began on November 12, 2020 we have had a total of 36 residents and 25 team members at the Villas test positive for Covid-19. We have also had five third party health care workers who provide services to our residents test positive for Covid-19. Furthermore, we have admitted one positive resident who had met the criteria for discontinuation of transmission-based precautions upon admission.

Any residents that has tested positive and remains in our care reside in one of our designated “Red Zone” neighborhoods. “Red Zone” neighborhoods are Orchards A and one half of the Meadows, which was isolated off last week in anticipation of becoming a “Red Zone”. Here residents may receive proper care until they meet criteria for discontinuation of transmission-based precautions as defined by CMS and PA DOH.

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 more than 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.