



ATTENTION: VILLAS RESIDENTS, FAMILY MEMBERS AND TEAM MEMBERS

IMPORTANT – 3/10/2021 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.

According to Mercer County positivity rates, we are now performing widespread testing of all team members once per week and it will be administered at various times throughout the week going forward as compared to specified days. 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 are testing residents who present with symptoms consistent with covid-19.

Yesterday, we were notified that one team member tested positive for Covid-19. However, this team member has not worked within a designated transmission risk period prior to or post testing and therefore their positive test result will not impact any of our current protocols.

Also, we are required to notify you that one resident was admitted who has met criteria for discontinuation of transmission-based precautions. As such, we have updated our cumulative totals below.

Since November 12, 2020, we have had a total of 56 residents and 77 team members at the Villas test positive for Covid-19. We have also had six third party health care workers who provide services to our residents test positive for Covid-19. Furthermore, we have admitted seven residents who have tested positive and had met the criteria for discontinuation of transmission-based precautions upon admission and one resident from elsewhere on campus who tested positive.

We continue to follow published guidance from CMS regarding visitation and we are hopeful for reduction in visitation restrictions in the near future. Please note, the CDC guidelines published 3/8/2021 do not pertain to healthcare facilities.

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.