



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

**IMPORTANT – 3/30/2021 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 continue to perform widespread testing of all team members once per week at various times throughout the week. 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.

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 2020, we have had a total of 55 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 nine 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 thank you for your cooperation with the visitation guidelines we have shared with families. **We are adjusting our hours for Easter weekend ONLY:**

- **Visitation Easter weekend:**
  - **Saturday – visitation is 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**
  - **Easter Sunday – visitation is 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**
  - **Please remember, if your resident has not been fully vaccinated that you must schedule a visitation time.**
- We expect high volume of visitors in The Villas this Easter weekend. Please keep these other guidelines in mind as you visit this weekend.
  - Remember to screen each time you visit. If you visit in the morning and again in the afternoon you must screen twice.
  - Visitation is limited to 2 visitors at a time. If more than two family members are here to visit a resident, family members who are waiting to visit, must wait outside or in their car.
  - During nice weather, outside visitation is welcomed and encouraged. You may only visit in outside areas that are immediately accessible from your loved one's neighborhood or the fountain courtyard. *You may not enter another resident neighborhood to get to an outside area.* Please feel free to ask the receptionist or supervisor for assistance if needed.
  - Visitors are welcome to bring a pet. Pets must be on a leash and the pet's vaccination record must be on file in the administration office. In addition, proper hand hygiene should be completed by the resident prior to the visit with the pet and immediately following the visit.

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.