



ATTENTION: VILLAS RESIDENTS, FAMILY MEMBERS AND TEAM MEMBERS

IMPORTANT – 4/7/2021 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.

We've been notified that one of our team members from an ancillary department tested positive for Covid-19. The results of our contact tracing indicated that there were no potential exposures to residents or direct care workers within the defined transmission window. 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 78 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 ten 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.

In accordance with the guidance from CMS and PA DOH, visitation must be suspended effective immediately until further notice and we will be administering Covid-19 testing on all residents. Updates regarding testing and visitation will be communicated as soon as possible.

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.