



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

**IMPORTANT – 5/20/2021 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.

We continue to perform widespread testing of all team members and residents once per 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, any resident(s) who present with symptoms consistent with Covid-19 are tested.

We have been notified that one of our team members in an ancillary department tested positive for Covid-19. This team member has not had any resident contact within the transmission-based precautions timeframe and therefore the positive test result does not impact or change any of our current practices. According to guidance from the PA DOH, the following neighborhoods are GREEN zones and are open to visitors – Willows B, Gardens A and B, and The Meadows. As the designated neighborhood for admissions and readmissions to St. Paul's, The Meadows is unique in its designation. Overall it is designated GREEN with the exception of those residents, who do not meet the definition of fully vaccinated, who are within 14 days of their admission or readmission to St. Paul's. These residents are considered YELLOW.

Visitation for residents who are YELLOW or in any neighborhood designated as a YELLOW zone remains suspended. Residents in YELLOW neighborhoods can participate in virtual or window visits. These neighborhoods include:

- Willows A
- Springs A
- Springs B

Updates will be provided as future testing information becomes available.

For those neighborhoods designated as GREEN, please remember that weekend visitation hours are as follows: Saturday 9:00-11:00 AM ONLY and Sunday 2:00-4:00 ONLY.

Since November 2020, we have had a total of 56 residents and 84 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 twelve 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.

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.