



ATTENTION: ALL VILLAS RESIDENTS, FAMILY MEMBERS AND TEAM MEMBERS

IMPORTANT - 10/26/2020 COVID-19 UPDATE – *please read this in its entirety.*

In accordance with shared recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA-DOH) and others, St. Paul's administered monthly Covid-19 screening tests last week. As a result of three positive team member test at the Villas, we completed testing on all Villas residents last week as well and are now required to test all team members and residents weekly for at least 2 weeks, which began today.

We have been notified by the lab that we utilize for our COVID-19 testing as it pertains to tests completed on October 19,20 and 21 that all results are in and **all of our Villas residents tested NEGATIVE and NO additional team members tested positive.**

As communicated on 10/22/2020 we will continue to employ the following practices apply to The **VILLAS** until further notice:

- Visitation and Beauty and Barber services continue to be suspended. Only end of life/compassionate care visits are permitted at this time.
- We continue to follow the recommendations of the PA DOH regarding “yellow zones” for neighborhoods impacted by team members’ positive tests dated 10/22/2020. Residents in these yellow zones continue in their 14-day quarantine. In addition to the Meadows which was already considered a yellow zone for new admissions and readmissions, additional areas affected include Willows B and Springs B. Residents continue to remain in their rooms as much as possible with meals served in the room. Outings off the neighborhood are still restricted for essential medical appointments only. Life enrichment continue to offer virtual visits at this time.
- Enhanced personal protective equipment, such as N95 masks, gowns, face shields, etc., is required for all team members in any designated yellow zone.
- Ongoing team member education is in place to reiterate the proper use of personal protective equipment, navigation between neighborhoods only when necessary, navigation within the building outside of resident areas when necessary, etc.
- These procedures have been reviewed with a consultant engaged by the PADOH.
- We will be performing weekly testing on all residents and team members at least until we have had no new COVID-19 positive cases with staff and residents in 14 days (2 testing cycles). At that time and in consideration of the county positivity rate, we may then consider loosening the aforementioned restrictions. The frequency of ongoing testing after that point will be determined as outlined by CMS guidance.

We will send out additional correspondence regarding ongoing testing as it becomes available.

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.