



ATTENTION: VILLAS RESIDENTS, FAMILY MEMBERS AND TEAM MEMBERS

IMPORTANT – 11/12/2020 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 (CMS), the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH) and others, St. Paul's is in the process of administering our weekly widespread team member and resident COVID-19 testing.

All specimens for this week's testing have been sent to the lab and we are beginning to receive some results back with many more yet to come. We anticipate all results to be available by the beginning of next week.

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In the interim, we did receive positive test results for one of our newly admitted residents at The Villas as well as two team members. We are in the process of investigating any potential exposures that may exist as it relates to these positive cases, but since that will take time to accomplish, we are moving in a defensive direction by making multiple neighborhoods "Yellow Zones," **ceasing all visitation opportunities, activities and beautician services effectively IMMEDIATELY.**

Please also note that any resident with a positive test result in our care will be placed in a "Red Zone." "Red Zones" follow similar protocols to "Yellow Zones," but include more stringent infection control procedures.

We will continue to consult with PA DOH and others and follow all recommended guidance. As always, the safety of our residents and our team is of utmost importance.

Yellow Zone Guidelines are:

- Visitation and Beauty and Barber services are suspended immediately.
- Residents are quarantined for at least 14 days.
- Activities are suspended until further notice. Life enrichment can 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.

- We will continue ongoing 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). The frequency of ongoing testing after that point will be determined as outlined by CMS guidance.

We appreciate your understanding and we will continue to keep you informed with updates and more details as they become available. Please keep those impacted by COVID-19 in your thoughts and prayers.

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.