



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

**IMPORTANT – 3/12/2021 COVID-19 NOTICE** – *please read this in its entirety as it may require a response.*

St. Paul's Senior Living Community, Greenville, PA, continues to adjust its action plan in response to information, recommendations and requirements shared by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA-DOH) and others. As you know, St. Paul's serves a fragile population and we have a responsibility to implement a plan of action to protect our population and our workforce. ***Please keep in mind that all of the steps we are taking are in the best interest of the health and safety of residents and staff.*** Also note, that our plan of action is subject to change as new information becomes available.

***In response to guidance received from CMS on 3/10/2021 we are in the process of developing new visitation guidelines including visiting hours that will be communicated to residents, families and team members on Monday, March 15, 2021 and will be effective Tuesday, March 16, 2021.*** We will be providing significantly more visitation opportunities and flexibilities than ever before during the pandemic. Needless to say, we believe we have all been anxiously awaiting this day. There are a few things for all of us to keep in mind and we want to make you aware of these in advance and give you the opportunity to address any concerns you may have.

- Visitors and Residents **MUST** adhere to strict core principles for infection control, such as masking, frequent and proper hand hygiene and social distancing.
- According to the guidance, visitation in rooms will be permitted for vaccinated residents as long as the setting permits for appropriate social distancing measures. All of our rooms are either private or shared private and therefore permit opportunities for appropriate socially distanced visitation with residents.
- According to the guidance, residents who are vaccinated will now have opportunities for physical contact with loved ones. This contact should be limited and brief and social distancing protocols should be followed when not engaged in such contact.
- Inherently, the risk of COVID-19 transmission will increase due to the increased level of visitation activity. If you have a concern as a resident or as a resident's power of attorney, you need to notify us by Monday, March 15, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. so that we may take any necessary steps to alleviate these concerns. For example, you have chosen not receive the vaccination and you reside in a shared private room with someone who has received the vaccination and may entertain visitors.
- According to CMS guidelines, visitation opportunities for residents who have chosen **NOT** to be vaccinated will need to be scheduled in advance and are not permitted to take place in the resident's room, but rather a designated area.

We are thankful to be moving in this direction at The Villas and as always will keep you apprised of any changes. ***Please understand, if a case arises for a resident or a team member, our visitation will cease until we understand the scope and severity and develop our plan of action.***

Please contact Tammy Lininger, Administrator at The Villas, or Leann McCurdy, Director of Nursing at The Villas if you have any concerns.

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