



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

**IMPORTANT – 1/13/2022 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 recently identified 4 team members who have tested positive for COVID-19. Of these 4, one team member had close contact with select residents on **GARDENS B** and the other 3 worked in ancillary departments and did not impact any residents or neighborhoods. Subsequent to these results, the select residents on **GARDENS B** will be under **PRECAUTIONARY STATUS**. Testing will be completed as per regulatory guidance for these select residents.

**WILLOWS A, GARDENS A AND SPRINGS A continue under PRECAUTIONARY STATUS:**

- Any resident who presents with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will be tested; otherwise, routine outbreak testing will as per regulatory guidance until 14 days have passed with no new positive cases.
- Fully vaccinated residents on this neighborhood do not need to quarantine, but should continue to wear masks at all times when around others for the 14-day post exposure period.
- Visitation is permitted for residents who are fully vaccinated; however, visitors should be aware of the potential risks of exposure.
- Any resident, not fully vaccinated, must quarantine for 14 days. In-person visitation is not recommended. Should a resident choose to have visitation during their quarantine period, visitors should be aware of the potential risks of exposure. Virtual or window visits can be arranged by calling the Life Enrichment or neighborhood staff.
- We are taking a cautious stance to pause communal dining. Meals will be delivered via tray service at this time.

**WILLOWS B continues as a YELLOW ZONE. The following guidelines apply to WILLOWS B:**

- Any resident who presents with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will be tested; otherwise, routine outbreak testing will continue as per regulatory guidance until 14 days have passed with no new positive cases.
- Residents are encouraged to quarantine to their room and activities off the neighborhood have been suspended pending results of ongoing testing.
- **Visitation is not recommended at this time.** Should a resident request a visit, we would kindly ask any visitors to contact an administrative team member regarding risks and precautions. Virtual or window visits can be arranged by calling the Life Enrichment or neighborhood staff.

We are happy to report that **SPRINGS B** has met the criteria to be removed from Precautionary status. **SPRINGS B** is now a **GREEN ZONE**:

- **SPRINGS B is now a GREEN ZONE:**

- Outbreak testing for residents has been discontinued. Any resident who presents with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will be tested as per facility protocol.
- Communal dining will be reinstated.
- Masking of residents and visitors should continue.

We are also required to notify you that one resident was recently admitted after they met criteria for discontinuation of transmission-based precautions.

With updated CDC and PA DOH guidance for those who live in the community, we recognize that those who test positive or have been exposed to someone who tested positive may be able to end quarantine after 5 days if the person is fever-free for 24 hours without fever reducing medicine and other symptoms have improved. **Due to the vulnerable nature of those in congregate care settings such as St. Paul's, the PA DOH strongly encourages visitors in this situation to please postpone visitation for the full 10-day period from symptom onset.** We also urge our visitors that if you currently have any respiratory symptoms including cold or allergy symptoms, please postpone visitation.

We will continue to perform other routine testing of team members as per regulatory guidance. Any team members who present with symptoms consistent with Covid-19 will continue to be taken off the schedule and tested. Any resident(s) who present with symptoms consistent with Covid-19 are tested. 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.