



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

**IMPORTANT – 1/5/2022 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 one team member in an ancillary department who tested positive for COVID-19. This team member did not impact any residents.

This week we have continued testing each impacted neighborhood previously identified as PRECAUTIONARY as per regulatory guidance until 14 days have passed with no new positive cases. We are happy to report that MEADOWS has met the criteria to move out of Precautionary Status.

• **MEADOWS 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 was reinstated.
- Masking of residents and visitors should continue.

• **The following neighborhoods continue under PRECAUTIONARY STATUS: WILLOWS B, GARDENS B and SPRINGS B:**

- Any resident who presents with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will be tested; otherwise, routine outbreak testing will continue at least every 3-5 days 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.

We continue to ask visitors that if you have **any respiratory symptoms including cold or allergy symptoms**, please postpone visitation. We also ask that you postpone visitation if you have been around anyone testing for or with a confirmed COVID-19 infection in the last 14 days regardless of your vaccination status. Although guidance is being updated that may shorten this time period, we would suggest this in an abundance of caution. Please refer to our visitation guidelines.

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.