



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

**IMPORTANT – 10/22/2021 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 were recently notified that one of our team members in an ancillary department tested positive for COVID-19. This team member did not have any close contacts with any residents or staff as defined by CDC, CMS or PADOH and does not impact any neighborhood.**

**We also identified one resident on Gardens B who tested positive for COVID-19. This resident has been moved to Orchards A as per our facility protocol.**

**We completed another round of testing today for all residents on Willows B, Springs B, and Gardens B using the rapid antigen testing method. All other residents test results were negative.**

**We are also required to notify you that one resident was admitted who has met criteria for discontinuation of transmission-based precautions.**

Current facility status:

- **GARDENS B**
  - In an abundance of caution, we continue to temporarily suspend visitation to Gardens B, residents will be encouraged to quarantine to their rooms and activities off the neighborhood remain suspended until 14 days have passed with no new positive resident or staff cases.
  - Any resident who presents with symptoms consistent of Covid-19 is tested; otherwise, routine outbreak testing will continue at least every 3 -5 days until 14 days have passed with no new positive cases. We will keep everyone informed of these results.
  
- **WILLOWS B AND SPRINGS B**

- These neighborhoods continue under precautionary status.
- Any resident who presents with symptoms consistent of Covid-19 is tested; otherwise, routine outbreak testing will continue at least every 3-5 days until 14 days have passed with no new positive staff or resident cases. We will continue to keep everyone informed of these results.
- Fully vaccinated residents on these neighborhoods 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; however, visitors should be aware of the potential risks of exposure.
- Any resident, not fully vaccinated, must quarantine for 14 days with in-person visitation restricted to compassion care/end of life only during this period.
- We are taking a cautious stance to pause communal dining for these neighborhoods. Meals will be delivered via tray service at this time.

We will continue to perform other routine testing of team members as per PADOH and CMS guidance. In addition, any team members who present with symptoms consistent with Covid-19 will continue to be taken off the schedule and advised to consult with their clinician. 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.