



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

**IMPORTANT – 11/11/2021 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 have been notified that one of our team members in an ancillary department has tested positive for Covid-19. In this case, based on our contact tracing, any resident meeting the definition of a close contact as defined by CDC, CMS or PADOH guidance has been identified. This situation only impacts a few select residents. These residents and their responsible party have been personally notified. Neighborhoods in general are not impacted. In consideration of regulatory guidance and facility policy, the following actions have been taken for these select residents:

- Regardless of vaccination status, residents identified as close contacts will be tested at least every 3-5 days through the 14-day post exposure period.
- Impacted residents who are fully vaccinated:
  - Quarantine is not required; however, fully vaccinated residents should wear masks at all times while around others.
  - Visitation is permitted for residents; however, visitors should be aware of the potential risks of exposure.
- Impacted residents who are NOT fully vaccinated:
  - Must quarantine for 14-days with in-person visitation restricted to compassion care/end of life only during this period. 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 for any impacted resident regardless of vaccination status. Meals will be delivered via tray service for impacted residents.

This week, we have continued to test residents on Springs A and Meadows using the rapid antigen method. We are happy to report that these test results have all been negative to-date. Testing continues at least every 3-5 days on each impacted neighborhood until 14-days have passed with no new positive cases.

- **THE MEADOWS continues under PRECAUTIONARY STATUS:**

- 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 with in-person visitation restricted to compassion care/end of life only during this period. 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 for this neighborhood. Meals will be delivered via tray service at this time.

- **SPRINGS A continues as a YELLOW ZONE**

- In an abundance of caution, visitation remains suspended to all residents on Springs A. Residents are encouraged to quarantine to their room and activities off the neighborhood remain suspended until 14 days have passed with no new positive resident or staff cases. Visitation is limited to virtual visits or window visits only as applicable; except for end-of-life or compassionate care situations.
- 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.

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

We will continue to perform other routine testing of team members as per CDC, 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.