



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

**IMPORTANT – 12/08/2021 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 has tested positive for COVID-19. This team member worked the **GARDENS B AND SPRINGS A** neighborhoods. These neighborhoods are being moved to **PRECAUTIONARY STATUS**. Baseline testing will be completed as per regulatory guidance for residents identified through contact tracing. Testing will then continue at least every 3-5 days until 14 days have passed with no new positive cases.

**• The following neighborhoods are under PRECAUTIONARY STATUS: WILLOWS A, WILLOWS B, GARDENS B, SPRINGS A 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.

This week, we have continued to test residents on Willows A, Willows B and Springs B using the rapid antigen testing method. We are happy to report that these test results have all been negative to-date.

We ask visitors to please postpone visitation if you have had a respiratory illness in the last 10 days. 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.