



ATTENTION: VILLAS RESIDENTS, FAMILY MEMBERS AND TEAM MEMBERS

IMPORTANT – 9/29/2021 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 completed the 1st round of testing for all residents of Gardens B and impacted staff as per the 9/27/2021 memo. We are pleased to report that all results were negative.

We will complete a 2nd round of testing later this week as per the guidance of CDC, CMS and PADOH. We will provide another update pending receipt of those results.

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

As per our prior memo, we are following new guidance recently released for long-term care facilities by the CDC, CMS and PADOH which aligns more closely with the guidance for people in the community. These guidelines allow us to focus on the impacted neighborhood, in this case, Gardens B.

- ALL RESIDENTS ON GARDENS B will be tested again 5-7 days after their most recent contact.
- Any staff identified as a close contact or higher risk exposure will be tested again at 5-7 days after exposure.
- We will notify everyone of these test results.
- Fully vaccinated residents do NOT need to quarantine; however, they are to wear masks at any time when out of their room. Visitation is not suspended for fully vaccinated residents; however, visitors must be informed of the potential risks. Residents should wear their masks with any visitors present.
- Any resident(s) who is NOT fully vaccinated must quarantine for 14 days. Visitation IS suspended and limited to compassionate care/end of life visitation only during this time period. Residents potentially exposed who are not fully vaccinated are considered in a YELLOW zone and full PPE must be worn during care/visitation.

We are continuing our cautious stance to suspend dining in the dining room. Meals will be delivered via tray service and further action will be determined based on the results of testing.

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.

As visitation continues, we ask all visitors (regardless of vaccination status) to please keep your masks on during your visit. In an abundance of caution, we would ask this during outside visits as well.

Furthermore, regardless of vaccination status, please postpone visitation if you have any cold or respiratory symptoms or if you have been around anyone with cold or respiratory symptoms in the last 14 days.

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.