



ATTENTION: ALL ST. PAUL'S RESIDENTS, FAMILY MEMBERS AND TEAM MEMBERS

IMPORTANT – 11/6/2020 COVID-19 UPDATE – *please read this in its entirety.*

In accordance with shared recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH) and others, St. Paul's is in the process of administering our weekly widespread team member and resident COVID-19 testing.

We have completed our testing for residents at The Villas; residents on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd floors at The Heritage; the residents at The Ridgewood; and testing for ALL team members for The Villas, The Heritage and The Ridgewood for the week ended November 6, 2020. At this time, we have received results for approximately 66% of our Staff and 33% of our residents. We anticipate having all of the results by the first of next part of next week.

At this point, we have had two team members test positive for COVID-19 in this round of testing. One was a team member who has not been working for some time, but was required to be tested due to being scheduled to work an upcoming shift. This team member does not present an exposure risk due to their lack of presence in our buildings over the past few weeks. The second team member did not have any close contact with residents or other team members without wearing full personal protective equipment (N-95 Mask, Face shield, Gown, Gloves) for the previous 48 hours leading up to the time they were tested and between the time they were tested and the time we received their results. We have spoken with PA DOH regarding both of these positive cases and they have concluded that they do NOT present any significant risks for transmission.

We will be providing an update on changes, if any, to our operating procedures when the remainder of our test results become available.

As per guidance from CMS and PA DOH, we will be continuing our weekly testing at the Villas and will be evaluating the need for ongoing weekly testing at the Heritage and Ridgewood based on the remainder of pending test results.

We continue to follow the recommendations of the PA DOH regarding “yellow zones” for neighborhoods impacted by potential exposures (Willows B and Springs B in the Villas; Heritage 1st, 2nd, and 3rd floors; and all of The Ridgewood. The Meadows in The Villas has been and will continue to be a yellow zone due to new admissions and readmission).

- Residents in these yellow zones continue in their 14-day quarantine.

- Visitation continues to be suspended. Only end of life/compassionate care visits are permitted at this time with the exception of areas following isolation protocols, i.e. yellow zones. Virtual visits can be scheduled through Life Enrichment.
- Beauty and Barber services continue to be suspended.
- Enhanced personal protective equipment, including N95 masks, gowns, face shields, etc., is required for all team members in any designated yellow zone.
- Ongoing team member education is in place to reiterate the proper use of personal protective equipment, navigation between neighborhoods only when necessary, navigation within the building outside of resident areas when necessary, etc.

If you have any questions regarding this communication or St. Paul's plan of action please contact Tammy Lininger, Administrator at the Villas, Leann McCurdy, Director of Nursing at the Villas, Dianna Jones, Administrator at The Heritage or Mickie Chapman, Administrator at The Ridgewood.