



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

IMPORTANT - 10/22/2020 COVID-19 UPDATE – *please read this in its entirety.*

In accordance with shared recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PADOH) and others, St. Paul's is in the process of administering our monthly team member COVID-19 screening tests.

We began testing all team members on Monday, October 19, 2020 and have received a little over half of our test results. As of now, we have been notified by the lab we utilize for our testing that a total of three of our team members at the Villas tested positive for Covid-19, all three were and continue to be asymptomatic. All three have been asked to self-quarantine in accordance with CDC and PADOH recommendations. We have completed our internal contact tracing with each of these team members and determined that contact with residents and other team members was limited. We have been in contact with the PA-DOH who is providing recommendations in addition to already published guidance on how to navigate through this situation.

At this time the following changes have occurred or items have been implemented **for the Villas:**

- Visitation and Beauty and Barber services have been temporarily suspended. Only end of life/compassionate care visits are permitted at this time.
- All residents within the Villas have been tested for COVID-19. These results are expected from the lab no later than the first of next week. In the event a resident's test result is positive for Covid-19, they, along with their designated representative, will be personally notified by us.
- The PADOH has directed that any residents living within a neighborhood where an impacted employee works are to be quarantined for 14 days. These neighborhoods are thus referred to as yellow zones. In addition to the Meadows which was already considered a yellow zone for new admissions and readmissions, additional areas include Willows B and Springs B (Additional neighborhoods may be impacted and converted to yellow zones depending on the results of the outstanding team member tests). As such, residents are asked to remain in their rooms as much as possible with meals served in room. Outings off the neighborhood are restricted for essential medical appointments only. Life enrichment can help offer virtual visits at this time.

- Enhanced personal protective equipment, such as N95 masks, gowns, face shields, etc., is now being required 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.
- These procedures have been reviewed with a consultant, who was on our campus today, engaged by the PADOH.
- We will be performing weekly testing on all residents and team members at least until we have had no new COVID-19 positive cases with staff and residents in 14 days (2 testing cycles). At that time and in consideration of the county positivity rate, we may then consider loosening the aforementioned restrictions. The frequency of ongoing testing after that point will be determined as outlined by CMS guidance.

Again, we are saddened by this development; however, the well-being of our residents and team members continues to be our main priority.

We will be sending out additional correspondence regarding this matter as it becomes available along with the results of our remaining pending tests when they become available.

Please keep those team members impacted by these developments in your thoughts.

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.