



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

**IMPORTANT – 5/17/2021 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 continue to perform widespread testing of all team members and residents once per week. Team members who present with symptoms consistent with Covid-19 are taken off the schedule and advised to consult with their clinician. In addition, any resident(s) who present with symptoms consistent with Covid-19 are tested.

Today we performed rapid antigen COVID-19 tests on a vaccinated resident located in one of the below designated YELLOW zones. The results were repeated and were inconsistent; therefore, out of an abundance of caution we are treating this resident as a positive case and have moved them to a designated COVID-19 neighborhood unless otherwise advised by PA DOH.

According to guidance from the CMS and PADOH, the following neighborhoods continue to be GREEN zones and are open to visitors – Willows B, Gardens A and B, and The Meadows. As the designated neighborhood for admissions and readmissions to St. Paul's, The Meadows is unique in its designation. Overall it is designated GREEN with the exception of those residents, who do not meet the definition of fully vaccinated, who are within 14 days of their admission or readmission to St. Paul's. These residents are considered YELLOW.

Visitation for residents who are YELLOW or in any neighborhood designated as a YELLOW zone remains suspended. Residents in YELLOW neighborhoods can participate in virtual or window visits. These neighborhoods include:

- Willows A
- Springs A
- Springs B

Updates will be provided as future testing information becomes available.

Since November 2020, we have had a total of 57 residents and 83 team members at the Villas test positive for Covid-19. We have also had six third party health care workers who provide services to our residents test positive for Covid-19. Furthermore, we have admitted twelve residents who have tested positive and had met the criteria for discontinuation of transmission-based precautions upon admission and one resident from elsewhere on campus who tested positive.

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.