

Saint Mary's East Reports Second Employee Case of COVID-19
Universal Testing to Occur at East Campus among Residents, Employees

June 11, 2020 – Erie, PA – On June 10th, Saint Mary's Home of Erie learned of a second employee working at Saint Mary's East, 607 East 26th Street, Erie, PA, who tested positive for COVID-19. This individual has not been in the building since June 6th and is now in isolation at home. All known contacts who had exposure to the individual were tested late afternoon on June 10th for COVID-19. Saint Mary's is taking every precaution and is diligently following CDC and Department of Health protocol to mitigate transmission.

In accordance with the Pennsylvania Department of Health's recent testing guidance for COVID-19 in Long-Term Care Facilities (PA-HAN-509), Saint Mary's East will conduct universal testing of all residents and employees at the East campus. We are working closely with the Erie County and Pennsylvania Departments of Health to acquire test kits, to coordinate testing, and to obtain rapid test results. Conducting a baseline test of one hundred percent of the population at Saint Mary's East is an important part of our infection prevention and control measures and will help keep COVID-19 out of our facility. Universal testing will be conducted at Saint Mary's at Asbury Ridge at a later date, unless a positive case is associated with the facility before that time.

At this time, the employee reported above is the only active COVID-19 case at Saint Mary's East. Previously on May 22nd, Saint Mary's East reported a positive case among an employee who has since recovered. Saint Mary's at Asbury Ridge has reported zero cases of COVID-19 among staff or residents.

Our principal focus continues to be the health and well-being of our residents and employees. We are committed to keeping everyone informed and we will provide updates on our website at stmaryshome.org as the situation develops.

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