



SAINT MARY'S AT ASBURY RIDGE
SAINT MARY'S EAST

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Dear Residents, Families and Friends of Saint Mary's Home of Erie,

We know you may be concerned about the spread of COVID-19 and how it may affect Saint Mary's Home of Erie. We would like to assure you that we are working diligently to address the various situations that the COVID-19 virus has thrust upon us as a healthcare organization. Ensuring that our residents are cared for in a safe and healthy environment is our greatest concern.

We have general pandemic procedures in place that we have begun to initiate to adhere to the CDC guidelines as well as federal, state and local regulations concerning COVID-19. Please know we have access to the best medical advice and action plans to address the issues of COVID-19 presently and as they arise. At this time, we do not have any cases in our facilities.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have recommended a variety of steps that we are implementing to help reduce the potential for the virus to enter our building. We need your help in preventing COVID-19 from spreading in our community.

To date, we have initiated the following items:

1. Notification of residents, families, visitors and staff about our plans going forward.
2. Following daily updates on the COVID-19 information from the CDC and how it may affect procedures at Saint Mary's Home of Erie.
3. Beginning a process to monitor visitors and staff and their recent travel and/or plans of travel in the near future.
4. Procedures to limit visitors to the Saint Mary's buildings if necessary and in compliance with directives from CDC and the Pennsylvania Department of Health.
5. Monitoring our medical and cleaning supplies to use them as efficiently as possible, knowing there could be issues with finding certain supplies in the future

As residents, families and visitors, there are ways you can help us!

- Please, wash your hands when you enter and exit the buildings; even wash more frequently during your visit if needed.
- If you are not feeling well and especially if you have symptoms of a **Cough, Fever, Sore Throat, Runny Nose, and/or Shortness of Breath** Please do NOT visit.
- If you are in Independent Living in the Carriage Homes, please self-quarantine for the duration of your symptoms which are lasting about 2 weeks. Notify your PCP as soon as symptoms begin.

Please inform us of any recent travel, especially internationally in the countries that have been highly infected, as well as any air travel within the United States.

Please stay informed by following the CDC website for accurate information at www.cdc.gov and <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>

If you have not shared your email address with us, please do so at this is the quickest way for us to get information about Saint Mary's plans for COVID-19. You may send that information directly to Emma Toner at etoner@stmaryshome.org.

As of now, we are suspending the use of our guest rooms for travelers coming to visit family member at Saint Mary's East until further notice. We are anticipating at least April, May and June 2020.

Please be assured that we are preparing Saint Mary's to do our very best to help all our residents, families, employees, and visitors stay as healthy as possible during this time of uncertainty. Please feel free to ask or email us any questions and we will do our very best to answer what we can. This a very challenging environment and sometimes thing can change from day to day.

With gratitude,



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