



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

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Saint Mary's & COVID-19: Update #43

Hello!

A fairly brief update today. Saint Mary's at Asbury Ridge continues to remain free of COVID-19. During the two waves of testing this week, zero (0) cases were identified among residents and employees.

Saint Mary's East identified two (2) new cases of COVID-19 among employees during the testing conducted this week. In total, there remain two (2) active cases among residents and nine (9) cases among employees at the East campus.

East is additionally making preparations for their second COVID-19 vaccination clinic which will be held next week on January 20th. Anyone vaccinated during the first clinic will receive their second dose and anyone not vaccinated will have an opportunity to receive their first dose. The second COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Asbury Ridge will be held on January 26th. Again, all residents and employees who wish to receive the vaccine have the opportunity to do so free of charge.

A reminder that the COVID-19 vaccine is an important tool in our fight against the virus – but it does not mean an immediate end or change to the safety measures currently in place. We are continuing our strict infection and prevention control protocols that include daily temperature screenings, limiting visitors and non-essential personnel, frequent cleaning and disinfecting, universal masking, social distancing measures and routine testing. We're hopeful the vaccine will guide us to the end of this pandemic, but we must remain realistic in knowing it will not happen overnight and stay vigilant in our actions to prevent further spread.

On a different note, we're grateful and happy to share that thanks to grant funding Saint Mary's has acquired Accushield Sign-In and Screening Kiosks for our main entrance and employee entrance areas. These Kiosks capture temperatures and collect answers to COVID-19 screening questions during employee and healthcare provider sign-in – and someday in the future, visitor sign-in. This is just another way Saint Mary's is using technology to help control the health and safety of our community.

Stay well and have a nice weekend!