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Saint Mary's & COVID-19: Update #44

Hello all,

I'm happy to share today that there were no new cases of COVID-19 identified this week at either campus among employees or residents!

Saint Mary's at Asbury Ridge, which has not had a new positive case since December 21st, is moving into step three. As Erie County is still above a 10% positivity rate (13.9% as of Monday) visitation cannot resume. Saint Mary's East is now down to one positive resident case and four employee cases. As long as East continues on this path, re-entering step two could soon be a possibility.

A second vaccination clinic was held at the East campus earlier this week. Asbury Ridge is preparing for their second clinic next week on January 26th. Remember that it takes time – up to two weeks after the second dose – for the body to build protection after vaccination. It's important that everyone, even once vaccinated, continue to use all the available tools that we have at our disposal to help stop the spread. Many of you have asked about the vaccination participation rates at our campuses. East saw a vaccination rate of about 60% among employees and 93% among residents after the first and second clinic. Asbury Ridge is reporting about 64% among employees and 97% among residents after the first clinic. While vaccination is not mandatory, it is very strongly recommended and education is playing an important role in our efforts.

As part of some reporting requirements, we have been collectively tracking hours spent on COVID-19 related activities. Since mid-March of 2020, our team has spent well over 250,000 hours responding to this virus. That's equal to 28 years. We've said it before and we'll say it again – we're grateful for our community of employees, residents and family members who have shown amazing resilience and dedication. It is by working together that we have gotten this far – and working together is how we'll continue to see this through.

Thank you.