



SAINT MARY'S AT ASBURY RIDGE

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Saint Mary's & COVID-19: Update #72

Good Afternoon!

A few brief updates to share with you this week. There is one (1) new employee case of COVID-19 at Asbury Ridge. As a result, visitation will be suspended in the Alzheimer's Unit until further notice. Skilled Nursing and Residential Living remain open to visitors at this time.

We are continuing to test as directed based on the level of community transmission, which remains high at this time. This means that unvaccinated employees are tested twice a week and that residents who have outside contact (including visitors) are also tested twice a week. Facemasks continue to be required for everyone in the building at all times and face shields are additionally required for employees in resident care areas. Please continue to use proper hand hygiene and observe social distancing measures.

Some good news – Walgreens recently informed us of clinic dates at the end of October to administer COVID-19 booster shots. **Walgreens is expected to be on-site at Saint Mary's on Thursday, October 28th and Friday, October 29th.** All employees and residents who have received two doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine are eligible to receive the booster shot. Walgreens will go room-to-room to vaccinate residents; employees and carriage home residents will come to a central location, such as Uht Hall, to receive their booster. We will work with residents/responsible parties on consent and any other requirements and inform you of more details as they are received. A reminder that the booster shot is not required to be considered fully vaccinated, but it is [recommended](#) for those over 65 as well as those over 18 working in high-risk settings.

There has been no further direction yet released on the COVID-19 vaccine mandate for long-term care employees. We expect regulations to be released any day now and will keep you informed of our response.

Thank you!