



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

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### **Saint Mary's & COVID-19: Update #31**

Good Afternoon!

Saint Mary's East and Saint Mary's at Asbury Ridge are both finishing another week having remained free of COVID-19. We are proud of this and continue to be grateful to everyone for doing their part in keeping our community of residents and employees safe.

Erie County's positivity rate has increased to 2.9%, reflecting the recent rise in COVID-19 cases both locally and nationally. Both campuses are preparing to conduct another round of routine testing next week on employees. Saint Mary's East will conduct testing on Tuesday, October 20. Saint Mary's at Asbury Ridge will conduct testing on Wednesday, October 21. Residents will not be included in this round of testing but we are continuing to test residents who leave the building and those who may be symptomatic.

Please keep an eye on the recently updated list of states currently under a travel advisory by visiting [health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Travelers.aspx](https://health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Travelers.aspx). If you have been to or through one of the states in the past 21 days, it is recommended you quarantine upon your return to PA and before you visit a loved one. We are asking for honesty and trusting families to be transparent about their travel histories, as this is for the benefit and safety of your loved ones.

A reminder that we are not accepting in-person deliveries from family members of packages or items. Families and friends are welcome to mail nonperishable items through common methods such as USPS, UPS or FedEx. When you are visiting, you may notice items being dropped off. This is because we allow one delivery of essential items for new admissions only. We accept these items in the main lobby and quarantine them for 48 hours before they are delivered to the resident. We can accommodate this for new admissions but we do not have the space or ongoing ability to manage this on a larger scale at this time.

As we move into the final months of 2020, we know that the holidays will certainly pose an emotional challenge and add to an already difficult year. We understand that many of you have questions about what the holidays will look like. Please know that we are working on ways we can still make the holidays special while adhering to the numerous restrictions and regulations we must follow. There are a number of factors to consider and we will share more information with you in the coming weeks as we work through these issues.

Stay well!