



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

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Saint Mary's & COVID-19: Update #32

Good Afternoon!

Another brief update as we end the week.

Saint Mary's East and Saint Mary's at Asbury Ridge conducted testing of employees earlier this week on Tuesday, October 20th and Wednesday, October 21st. We are happy to report that all of the test results were once again negative! Erie County's positivity rate is currently at 2.7%.

Many of you may have heard recently that the Trump Administration announced a partnership with CVS and Walgreens in regards to a COVID-19 vaccine. There are few details at this time about the program but what we understand so far is that CVS and Walgreens will provide and administer a COVID-19 vaccine to residents of long-term care facilities nationwide with no out-of-pocket costs. Currently, there are no COVID-19 vaccines authorized or approved for use. However, this partnership is being formed in anticipation of a future vaccine so that communities can respond quickly. Seniors, particularly those in long-term care facilities, have been deemed a priority in initial distribution efforts. We will keep you informed of what this means for Saint Mary's as more details are shared.

Not much has changed since moving into step three of reopening. Even though we knew this would be the reality for some time, we understand this is frustrating. This virus has had an emotional toll on all involved and now, "pandemic fatigue" is settling in. Remember, everything we do at Saint Mary's is for the benefit our residents and those who care for them. We must all continue to take this seriously and follow the COVID-19 prevention practices that we know make a difference – even when we feel exhausted, impatient and "over it."

A note for East Campus families – On October 28th, Saint Mary's East will be conducting a planned power outage to repair a breaker that is expected to take most of the day. The majority of the East facility will be on emergency power, supplied by our generator. The Gallagher Center should not be impacted by this planned outage. Visits for this day have been rescheduled.

Thank you. Stay well!