



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

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Saint Mary's & COVID-19: Update #33

Good Afternoon!

Saint Mary's East and Saint Mary's at Asbury Ridge are reporting zero cases of COVID-19. The positivity rate in Erie County continues to climb. Just as we remind our employees every day, we want to remind all of you to be mindful of your actions. It is important that we all continue to practice precautionary measures that protect ourselves and will help keep the people around us safe.

The guidelines are continually changing and Saint Mary's follows these directives to the best of our ability. We recently reviewed the guidelines regarding the quarantine of residents who leave the building and are happy to share that some of the restrictions have been lessened. Residents who leave the building for an outing are no longer universally required to quarantine for 14 days in their room upon return. However, quarantine and testing for COVID-19 may still be required dependent upon a case-by-case evaluation of each outing. Lessening the quarantine measures is done to reduce the adverse impact of isolation and will benefit the overall well-being of our residents. The quarantine period will still be required for new admissions due to their higher risk of potential exposure. As always, this is subject to change and outings (expect those medically necessary) will be halted if there is any new facility onset of COVID-19, if Erie County reverts to the red phase, or if the Erie County positivity rate increases above five (5) percent based on CMS data.

A few things to watch for next week...thanks to your suggestions, I will be finding a way to share the Activity Calendars and Menus for November with families. We know many families and friends would look at these when they used to visit and would help encourage their loved ones to participate in an activity or look forward to a good meal.

Thank you. Have a safe and happy Halloween!