



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

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### **Saint Mary's & COVID-19: Update #36**

Good Afternoon,

There are a number of new developments to share with you this week. Both Saint Mary's at Asbury Ridge and Saint Mary's East have identified new cases of COVID-19 in the past few days.

At **Saint Mary's at Asbury Ridge**, an employee and four residents have tested positive. As of today, that brings the total number of active cases to seven. At **Saint Mary's East**, two residents and an employee have tested positive, bringing to the total number of active cases to three. The number of active cases can always be found [here](#) on our website by viewing the Status Report document.

The residents who tested positive have been transferred to the isolated and secure COVID-19 units at each campus. Contact tracing and testing is underway and will continue until no new cases are identified. You will be notified if your loved one has tested positive. We are following all guidance and have returned to prior restrictions and visitor policies.

**All lobby visitation at both East and Asbury Ridge has been cancelled and will remain suspended until further notice.** Additionally, **no outings** will be permitted, including those that may have been planned over the Thanksgiving holiday. Residents may only leave the building for medically necessary appointments.

The Erie County positivity rate has reached 9.7% according to CMS data reported on Monday. At a rate of 5% or above, Saint Mary's policy is to halt all outings except those medically necessary, to begin weekly testing of employees, and to test any resident who received a visitor (including lobby visits) or leaves on a medical outing. A number of these policies are already in effect due to the positive cases from this past week. Be aware that even if no new cases are identified over the course of the next few weeks, these policies will continue to apply until Erie County drops below a positivity rate of 5%.

As a reminder, video chats including FaceTime and Skype continue to be available for you to connect with your loved ones. Please contact the Activities Department to coordinate a time.