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Saint Mary's & COVID-19: Update #34

Hello all,

Earlier today, an employee of Saint Mary's at Asbury Ridge tested positive for COVID-19. Asbury Ridge is conducting testing of all employees and residents, and will continue testing for at least a 14-day period until no new cases are identified. Due to this positive result, Asbury Ridge has reverted back to step one of the reopening plan and all visitation has been cancelled. Due to weather concerns, visits will not resume until step three when they can be held inside. If no new cases are detected, we anticipate entering step three on December 7.

Saint Mary's East currently has zero cases and will continue to remain in step three.

A letter was sent out to families earlier this week that detailed some information about what to expect in the coming months. You can read the letter in its entirety on our website here, but some key points are highlighted below.

Restricted Holiday Visitation: Visitation will not be held over the major holidays including Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. However, families who agree to specific safety protocols will have the option to take their loved one home or out of the building for a few hours. *NOTE: Due to the recent positive case at Asbury Ridge, outings of Asbury Ridge residents will not be permitted over Thanksgiving.*

Holiday Gift and Package Drop Off: Saint Mary's is making special accommodations to help families get gifts and packages to their loved ones for the holidays. From December 7 – 11, items can be dropped off at specific entrances daily from 3 – 5 p.m. Items must meet certain restrictions, including: limited to three boxes (no bigger than 24x24") per resident and no perishables. Saint Mary's will quarantine the items and is planning a festive delivery during the week of December 21.

Holiday Decorations: A reminder that holiday decorations and floral arrangements in resident rooms must meet specific Life Safety regulations. If you are sending such items, please remember we cannot accept any real Christmas trees or fresh cut pine arrangements/wreaths. Additionally, we do not allow candles, extensions cords, surge protectors or adaptors of any kind. Artificial decorations must have the official fire retardant tag and any lights must also have a (UL) tag.

Employee Holiday Fund: Per federal regulations, individual employees are not permitted to accept gifts or cash gifts from residents or family members. Additionally, this year we cannot

accept gifts in the form of cookie trays, fruit baskets, etc. We know many families want to thank the employees and usually do so in this manner, so we have created an “Employee Holiday Fund” to direct donations that will be used to coordinate a special treat for our team. Donations are not expected, but if you wish to send a gift you may contribute to this fund online or by mail.

As always, we will keep you updated and we appreciate your cooperation. Thank you!