



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

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Saint Mary's & COVID-19: Update #52

Good Afternoon!

Both Saint Mary's East and Saint Mary's at Asbury Ridge continue to report zero new cases of COVID-19. The Erie County positivity rate did increase slightly since we last reported from 5.9% to 7.1%.

The big news – as you know and have likely already taken advantage of — is that a majority of visitor restrictions at nursing homes have been lifted in accordance with new guidance. It is Saint Mary's goal to provide for the safety of our residents as well as their emotional well-being and we are excited that families and friends can now visit loved ones again.

As we all partner together in following the core principles of infection prevention to reduce the spread of COVID-19, we believe this can be accomplished safely. In a continued effort to keep our residents, employees and visitors safe, we are requiring that visitors adhere to these principles. This means that everyone must be screened upon entry, wear a mask, observe social distancing, use proper hand hygiene, and limit travel through the building. Visitors who do not comply may be asked to leave and may not be permitted to visit.

On our website you will also find an updated Q&A document on visitation as well as an informational flyer from CMS to help answer any questions you may have about visiting with your loved one in a nursing home.

Each facility is in step three and therefore may continue to hold small group activities and communal dining, as long as social distancing measures can be maintained. The gift shop and café will remain closed for the time being. Additionally, Carriage Home residents who wish to visit with a resident in the facility may do so while following the core infection prevention principles, but access to the residential dining room will continue to be restricted until further notice.

As you all know after living through a year of this pandemic, this is still a constantly changing situation and we appreciate your patience and cooperation. Have a good weekend!