



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

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Saint Mary's & COVID-19: Update #55

Good Afternoon!

There are no new cases of COVID-19 at either campus this week.

If you have visited in the past few days, you've likely noticed there is a new question on the AccuShield screening device. This question asks whether you have received the COVID-19 vaccine and appears after you record your temperature. Visitors have the option to answer or you can choose not to disclose. Although the vaccine is not required, we do highly encourage it. By including this question in screening and understanding the vaccination status of those who enter our facility, we are better able to respond if there is a future outbreak.

Plus, vaccination has many benefits – some of which specifically relate to visiting loved ones in nursing homes. Fully vaccinated individuals may choose to have close contact while still wearing a facemask and using proper hand hygiene. If you are not fully vaccinated, you must maintain social distancing at all times from residents and any other individuals in the facility.

Vaccination however does not mean that you can remove your facemask. Facemasks are required to be worn at all times, even amongst those who are fully vaccinated.

A few other quick notes about visitation. All visitors must complete the screening process upon every entry to the facility. Visitors are to go directly to the resident room and are not to walk about the building or socialize in common areas. To prevent cross-contamination and limit exposure to other units, visitors should not visit multiple units in the same day.

As the weather improves, visitors and residents do have the option to visit outside. Visitors may take their loved one outdoors but must only go from the resident room to the designated outdoor space and back. When transporting a loved one outdoors, visitors should avoid and/or limit travel through other areas of care.

For visiting outside at Saint Mary's East, those in Residential Living and the Gallagher Center may use the appropriate courtyards in their area of care. For Skilled Nursing, Neighborhood C may use the central courtyard and Neighborhood D may use the Reed Street portico.

For visiting outside at Saint Mary's at Asbury Ridge, those in Residential Living and the Memory Unit may use the appropriate courtyards in their area of care. For Skilled Nursing, Neighborhood D may use the main entrance portico and Neighborhood E may use the activity patio.

Thank you for doing your part to help keep yourself, visitors, employees and your loved ones safe!