



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

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Saint Mary's & COVID-19: Update #61

Hello,

The weekly update did not get out last week so here it is! No new cases of COVID-19 were identified during the twice-a-week testing at either campus last week. That is good news and has led to some reopening.

Saint Mary's at Asbury Ridge reopened to visitors in the Skilled Nursing units on Saturday, May 22. This means that the entire facility is now open and able to receive visitors.

Saint Mary's East is now partially open to visitors. As of today, May 24, visitors are permitted in Residential Living, the Gallagher Center and Unit C. Visitation is currently closed on Unit D; this unit is expected to reopen to visitors on Thursday, May 27.

When visiting please remember that facemasks are required for the duration of your visit, regardless of vaccination status. Please remain in the room of the resident with whom you are visiting. Continue to avoid common areas and limit travel through the building.

The Erie County positivity rate reported last week was at 6.1% and has been fluctuating around that mark. At 5.0% and above, we are required to test unvaccinated employees on a weekly basis (unless in the instance of an outbreak, in which we test all employees and residents twice-a-week for two weeks). Although vaccination is not mandated, we are required by CMS to report vaccination rates for both residents and employees on a weekly basis beginning June 14. Saint Mary's has already been tracking this information in preparation and reporting it voluntarily. In addition, we are required to educate residents, staff and visitors on the benefits and potential side effects of vaccination and to document whether the vaccine was accepted or declined. We continue to offer vaccination on an ongoing basis for those who are not previously vaccinated.

Thank you!

P.S. Nominations are open for the 2021 Erie's Choice Awards. Please consider nominating Saint Mary's Home of Erie for these in awards in the Rehabilitation Facility and Senior Living categories by visiting www.erieschoice.com! Flyer with details is attached.