



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

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Saint Mary's & COVID-19: Update #11

Hello!

Some good news to share this afternoon. As you know, on May 22nd, Saint Mary's East learned of an employee who tested positive for COVID-19. We performed testing on a total of 36 individuals who were potentially exposed to the employee. All testing was completed by May 23rd. **All 36 of those test results were confirmed negative as of May 27th.** The employee continues to be the only positive individual at the East campus associated with this event. That person remains quarantined at home and will need to meet certain requirements before returning to work.

There are currently **no** known cases of COVID-19 among residents or staff at Saint Mary's at Asbury Ridge.

Attached is a document that provides an overview of the COVID-19 status in our facilities. This data is cumulative and has been added to our website where it will be updated throughout each week.

We believe the negative test results are an encouraging sign that our strict infection prevention and control policies – such as the wearing of face masks, social distancing, and proper hand hygiene – are working. The lack of spread is a testament to these efforts and reinforces the need for diligence throughout our facilities, community and personal lives.

As previously mentioned, discussion on universal testing has been ongoing. At this time, we will *not* perform testing on all residents and staff in our facilities. We have carefully reviewed the released guidance on universal testing, which supports this course of action. The laboratory we partner with simply does not have the number of test kits needed nor the capacity to process the volume of tests needed, and we have had a low number of incidences associated with the virus. Our current position could change at any time if testing becomes more readily available. We will continue to test based on symptoms and exposure.

As always, we are continually reviewing our policies and the latest information to make sure we are taking the appropriate actions. We will let you know if anything changes. Take care of yourselves! Have a safe weekend.