



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

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## **Saint Mary's & COVID-19: Update #12**

Good Afternoon!

At this time, there are no known cases of COVID-19 at Saint Mary's at Asbury Ridge. There is one active employee case of COVID-19 at Saint Mary's East. Even though the employee is quarantined at home, we will continue to report the one employee case at Saint Mary's East as active until the employee recovers. There has been no new testing performed among staff or residents.

Early guidance for re-opening nursing homes is slowly being released. Nursing homes will not be considered for re-opening until the surrounding area enters the green phase. In addition, the guidance indicates there must be no COVID-19 cases for 28 days associated with the facility and that 100% of residents and staff must be tested on a weekly basis. Until tests are more readily available and results can be quickly analyzed, re-opening is highly unlikely. Access to funding for these tests will also be crucial.

As summer weather approaches, we have received a number of inquiries about dropping off summer clothing for residents. We understand the no drop-off policy can seem frustrating, but mailing items through USPS, UPS or FedEx is still the safest option for limiting exposure to our staff and residents. We'll continue to review this policy as time goes on.

We know you may have seen stories in the news about other facilities allowing outdoor visitation as re-opening plans emerge nationwide. We are prohibited from allowing visitation by order of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and we will continue to follow this closely. Even with masking and social distancing, there is still a risk with outdoor visitation. To protect our residents and your loved ones, we must err on the side of caution by closely following the CMS mandate.

Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help. Hope you are staying well. Thank you!