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Saint Mary's & COVID-19: Update #64

Greetings!

So far this week, there have been no new cases of COVID-19 identified at Asbury Ridge. We are on track to conclude outbreak testing this week and return to routine testing at the start of next week.

The Erie County Positivity Rate that we continue to reference is at 4.7% - before we can adjust the routine testing frequency to once a month for unvaccinated employees the rate must remain below 5% for two weeks.

As restrictions continue to lift in public spaces, we want to remind you that public guidance generally does not apply to healthcare settings. State and Federal guidance still requires healthcare communities like ours to follow strict infection prevention and control protocols. As you know, one of those measures is the facemask requirement – even if you have been fully vaccinated and are choosing to forego your mask in public spaces that are dropping that requirement, you must continue to wear a facemask when in a healthcare setting such as Saint Mary's. We need everyone's help and cooperation to continue to keep our community and residents safe!

With that in mind, however, we have come a long way from the very beginning of all of this. Group activities resuming, communal dining taking place, and having visitors back in the building are signs we are moving forward.

Another sign of progress? Carriage Home residents will be able to order take-out lunch and dinner from the café beginning June 14. This will be take-out only; residents will not be able to eat or sit in the café areas, lobby or dining rooms. Please be aware that this service is currently for Carriage Home residents only and that the café is not open to other guests or visitors at this time.

We know this has been a long and difficult journey. But slowly and surely, we will return to a sense of normalcy again!

Have a nice weekend.