



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

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Saint Mary's & COVID-19: Update #13

Good Afternoon,

On June 10th, we received confirmation that a second employee working at Saint Mary's East tested positive for COVID-19. This individual has not been in the building since June 6th and is now in isolation at home. All known contacts who had exposure to the individual were tested late afternoon on June 10th for COVID-19. If you were not contacted, your loved one was not one of those tested.

At this time, the employee reported above is the only active COVID-19 case at Saint Mary's East. Previously on May 22nd, Saint Mary's East reported a positive case among an employee who has since recovered. Saint Mary's at Asbury Ridge has reported zero cases of COVID-19 among staff or residents.

Universal Testing

In accordance with the Pennsylvania Department of Health's recent testing guidance for COVID-19 in Long-Term Care Facilities (PA-HAN-509), Saint Mary's East will conduct universal testing of all residents and employees at the East campus. We are working closely with the Erie County and Pennsylvania Departments of Health to acquire the 450 test kits and Personal Protective Equipment needed, to coordinate testing, and to obtain rapid test results. Conducting a baseline test of one-hundred percent of the population at Saint Mary's East is an important part of our infection prevention and control measures and will help keep COVID-19 out of our facility.

Universal testing will be conducted at Saint Mary's at Asbury Ridge at a later date (by July 24th), unless a positive case is associated with the facility before that time.

Tests will be provided by the Department of Health at no cost to residents or employees.

Department of Health Reporting

COVID-19 data for all nursing homes in Pennsylvania is being shared online at www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/LTCF-Data. Early last week the data reported on this site for our two campuses was misrepresented and implied that there were COVID-19 related deaths at our facility. This is not true and the information has since been corrected to reflect zero deaths.

Saint Mary's is taking every precaution and is diligently following CDC and Department of Health protocol to mitigate transmission. We will continue to keep you informed and provide updates on our website at stmaryshome.org as we monitor the situation. As always, don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.