



SAINT MARY'S AT ASBURY RIDGE

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**Saint Mary's & COVID-19: Update #65**

Hello!

I am happy to share that there continue to be no new cases of COVID-19 at Saint Mary's. Additionally, the Erie County positivity rate has dropped to 2.2% allowing us to transition to once-a-month testing of unvaccinated employees.

This brings some other welcome news and the gradual lifting of a few more restrictions.

Visitors are now permitted to bring in packages, clothing, magazines, cards, books, gifts, food and other items for their loved ones with no restrictions. Items will no longer need to be quarantined and can be taken directly to resident rooms.

You may also notice that employees are no longer universally wearing face shields. The use of face shields will still be required when employees are performing specific types of resident care. Facemasks are still required at all times.

Which brings me to the next point – with Pennsylvania expected to lift the statewide mask mandate on June 28, a reminder that all individuals should still follow specific guidance at workplaces, local businesses, long-term care facilities, hospitals, prisons and homeless shelters. That means that even after Monday, facemasks will still be required for those who enter our facility regardless of vaccination status.

In addition to wearing a well-fitting facemask, remember that visitors are asked to help keep our community safe by following our core principles: screening at the kiosk upon entry, limiting visitors to two per resident at a time, limiting travel through the building and going directly to the resident room, observing social distancing and performing proper hand hygiene.

I will be adjusting the frequency of my email updates – if you don't hear from me every week, take that as good news! If there are any changes on campus that you need to be aware of or any new information that comes out, we will be sure to keep you informed.