



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

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## **Saint Mary's & COVID-19: Update #16**

Hi all,

Not a lot of “new” news to share in this update – which is a good thing! So far this week there have been no new developments at either campus. Saint Mary's East continues to report two positive cases among residents. Saint Mary's at Asbury Ridge has zero cases.

The second round of COVID-19 testing at East will conclude this afternoon. We do not have an exact timeline for when we will receive the results but we hope to have them all back early next week. We will complete the third round of COVID-19 testing this Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>.

The dates for initial testing at Asbury Ridge have been moved up a few days – testing will now be completed on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.

On June 26<sup>th</sup> the Pennsylvania Department of Health released more guidance on re-opening nursing homes. Re-opening for visitation will occur in a three-step process and all steps will have restrictions in place. Moving through the steps will be an individual process for each nursing home, so you may hear about other nursing homes advancing or regressing through the steps at a different pace than Saint Mary's. Keep in mind that when we talk about re-opening, it doesn't necessarily mean what it used to mean. For example, open for visitation may mean that visiting occurs in outdoor spaces or in neutral areas of the building only. Although we are likely still a ways off from re-opening, once we have an implementation plan prepared we will be sure to share it with you so you know what to expect. In the meantime, you are welcome to review the guidance shared [here](#) on the PA DOH website.

Please know we are still working hard to seek out creative ways to balance our resident's health and safety with their social and emotional needs. We care deeply about the people who live here and we are doing all we can to keep them safe, healthy and happy.

Have a Happy Fourth of July!

P.S. – Nominations are open for the 2020 Erie's Choice Awards! If you think Saint Mary's Home of Erie has been doing a good job and deserves recognition, we would be grateful for your nomination. See the attached flyer for more details and nominate us at [erieschoice.com](https://erieschoice.com).