



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

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Saint Mary's & COVID-19: Update #24

Good Afternoon!

We continue to remain free of COVID-19 at both campuses.

The first week of outdoor visitation at **Saint Mary's at Asbury Ridge** has gone well! Thank you for cooperating with our safety protocols and for remaining patient as we learn a new process. We loved seeing residents and loved ones reconnect! Outdoor visitations will continue for another week and then if all goes accordingly, visits can move inside on September 8th.

As for **Saint Mary's East**, we are still looking good for re-opening for outdoor visitations on September 8th. Outdoor visits will last for two weeks from that date before we can consider moving inside, which we anticipate being on September 22nd. We're excited to see everyone again!

Social Services at your respective campus will continue to be your contact for scheduling visits as we move forward. Visits are twenty minutes in length, only two visitors per resident, you must wear a face mask, you will be screened for temperature and asked to complete a questionnaire upon arrival, you will be spaced six feet apart at opposite ends of a table and no physical contact will be made. Outdoor visits will be rescheduled in the event of poor weather. Different areas of care will continue to be scheduled on different days to avoid cross contamination and lessen the burden on staff who have to transport to and from units. We know some of these measures may seem excessive to you, but Saint Mary's will always take the necessary precautions and will do what is best to keep our staff and residents safe!

A few other things we've been doing to prepare for the reopening steps... marking off pews in the chapel for social distancing as we anticipate a return to live Mass, contacting our hair care staff who we can welcome back in Step Two (yay!), utilizing plexi-glass barriers in our high-traffic reception areas, and contacting volunteers to help assist with visitation.

One more thing - just a quick favor to ask you! Our staff continually seeks creative ways to provide meaningful moments for our residents. Because we know how a good meal can make us all feel a bit better, we would love it if families could send in a favorite recipe on behalf of their loved one. It could be a meal the resident loved to make or loved to eat! Think "comfort food." A few things to keep in mind: the recipe should be reasonable for our age group and will be made in larger batches. We'll modify recipes as needed to meet certain restrictions. If you don't have a full recipe, but can provide a decent description feel free to send it along. This is our first attempt at this so we are not sure how it will go, but our Dietary Departments are up for the challenge.

Questions and feedback are always welcome. Thank you!