

The RIDGEWOOD AT Shenango Valley

RESIDENTS, FAMILIES and TEAM MEMBERS OF THE RIDGEWOOD AT SHENANGO VALLEY

IMPORTANT – 12/8/2022 COVID-19 UPDATE – *please read this in its entirety.*

In accordance with shared recommendations for the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH) and others, we are required to notify you each time there is a change or development in our Covid-19 status, including new cases among residents and/or team members.

We recently identified 1 resident who tested positive for COVID-19. Through contact tracing, there were SELECT residents identified as potential close contacts.

- **SELECT** residents under **PRECAUTIONARY** STATUS:
 - o Any resident who presents with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will be tested; otherwise, routine outbreak testing will continue as per regulatory guidance.
 - o In an abundance of caution and due to the masking guidance, meals will be delivered via tray service for the 10-day post-exposure period.
 - o Visitation is permitted for impacted residents; however, visitors and their resident should both remain masked during the visit with a heightened awareness of the potential risks of exposure.

Per PA DOH guidance for healthcare facilities, visitors should wait at least 10 days after exposure to, or infection from COVID-19 before coming to visit. We continue to remind visitors that if you currently have any respiratory symptoms including cold or allergy symptoms, please postpone visitation and get tested.

We continue to perform other routine testing of team members as per regulatory guidance. Any team members who present with symptoms consistent with Covid-19 are taken off the schedule and tested. Any resident(s) who present with symptoms consistent with Covid-19 are tested. If you have any questions regarding this communication or St Paul's plan of action please contact Robin Knight, VP of Personal Care.