ATTENTION: HERITAGE RESIDENTS, FAMILY MEMBERS AND TEAM MEMBERS

IMPORTANT – 9-19-2022 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 are also required to notify you if we admit a resident with a Covid-19 diagnosis even if they have met the criteria for discontinuation of transmission-based precautions.

We continue to perform testing of team members as per Department of Health guidance. Team members who present with symptoms consistent with Covid-19 are taken off the schedule and advised to consult with their clinician. In addition, any resident(s) who present with symptoms consistent with Covid-19 are tested.

Three residents have tested positive for Covid on the 4th floor. All other 4th floor residents have been tested and all results are negative at this time. All team members continue to wear appropriate PPE and additional infection control measures are employed when team members are providing direct care to residents who have tested positive for Covid. The 4th floor will remain open for visitation, if you plan to visit at this time, please be aware of potential exposure. We will continue to send updates with any changes or additional information.

We continue to ask visitors that if you have **any respiratory symptoms including cold or allergy symptoms**, please postpone visitation. We also ask that you postpone visitation if you have been around anyone testing for or with a confirmed COVID-19 infection in the last 14 days regardless of your vaccination status. Although guidance for quarantine in the community has been shortened, we would suggest this in an abundance of caution. Please refer to our visitation guidelines on our website.

If you have any questions regarding this communication or St Paul's plan of action please contact Dianna Jones, Administrator of The Heritage or Robin Knight, VP of Personal Care Services.