

June 5, 2020

Dear Residents, Family Member, Friend, and or Responsible Person,

St. Anne Home has remained dedicated to the ongoing welfare, safety, and health of our residents during the COVID-19 Pandemic. We, like you, are looking forward to the day, soon, when our families and residents can be safely reunited in each other's company. In doing so, we have referenced daily updates, alerts and guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH).

As Westmoreland County enters the Green Phase of Governor Wolf's Process to Reopen Pennsylvania, it is required to follow the congregate care restrictions that remain in place for facilities such as St. Anne Home. Specifically, the PA DOH is following the CMS Nursing Home Reopening Recommendation for State and Local Officials, which includes a longer waiting period before relaxing visitation restrictions for facilities located in counties that enter the Green Phase.

Due to the nature of the vulnerable population living in congregate care facilities such as St. Anne Home, the restrictions put in place by the PA DOH's Interim Guidance shall remain in effect for at least 28 more days after the beginning of the Green Phase in those counties. This Interim Guidance includes the restriction of all visitors, except:

- o Physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and other clinicians;
- o Home health and dialysis services;
- o The Department of Aging/Area Agency on Aging and the Department of Human Services where there is concern for serious bodily injury, sexual abuse, or serious physical injury; and
- o Hospice services, clergy and bereavement counselors, offered by licensed providers within the nursing care facility, as well as the Department of Health or agents working on behalf of the Department, or local public health officials.

We will continue to permit visitation to residents who are experiencing the end of life.

Details for actually permitting visitation in congregate care facilities across Pennsylvania and how visitation will be managed is still evolving and being finalizing by the PA DOH.

Throughout this time, St. Anne Home has strived to keep provide you informed. For the most up-to-date information, please visit the CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov/covid19> or the PA DOH, Guidance, FAQs, and Orders for Nursing Care Facilities website at <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Nursing-Homes.aspx>

Thank you for your patience and understanding. As we continue to work diligently to care for and protect your loved ones, know that your understanding, prayers, and support of our dedicated staff is most appreciated.

Sincerely,



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