

For the June 18, 2021 COVID-19 positive test report, we have no new Nursing Facility residents testing positive for COVID-19 since June 8, 2021. The positive test result reported on June 15, 2021 was determined to be a false positive as a result of a follow up nasopharyngeal polymerase chain reaction (PCR) COVID-19 test performed on this same resident was negative. Therefore, the positive COVID-19 antigen test reported on June 15, 2021 was a false positive test result. This means that this test result is now considered negative for COVID-19. This conclusion has been reached by following the Pennsylvania Department of Health guidance which and states:

- “a positive antigen test in an asymptomatic person (resident or HCP (Health Care Personnel)) should be followed by a confirmatory molecular test within 48 hours;
- When awaiting results of confirmatory testing, individuals should be treated as potentially infectious (Transmission-Based Precautions for residents and work exclusion for HCP);
- A positive antigen test followed by a negative viral test collected within 48 hours using adequate technique should be treated as a false positive, regardless of the outbreak status of the facility.”

We resumed Indoor visitation on June 16, 2021 in the following nursing facility villas: Villa Benjamin Courtyard level only, Villa Clare Garden and Courtyard levels, Villa David Garden and Courtyard levels, Villa Elizabeth and Villa Francis.

All staff and residents that tested negative will be retested every 3 days to 7 days until testing identifies no new cases of COVID-19 infection among staff or residents for a period of at least 14 days since the most recent positive result that occurred on June 8, 2021. If no additional positive cases are discovered during this 14-day period then indoor visitation can resume for Villa Benjamin Garden level on June 24, 2021.

Therefore, cumulatively to date since March 2020 we have a total of:

Classification of person:	Nursing Facility Staff	Personal Care Home Staff	Healthcare partners	Nursing Facility Residents	Personal Care Home Residents
Number that tested positive for COVID-19:	68	17	3	52	29

We continue to take the necessary Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Prevention as per the Pennsylvania Department of Health and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidance. These Core Principles include:

- Screening of all who enter the facility for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g., temperature checks, questions about and observations of signs or symptoms), and denial of entry of those with signs or symptoms or those who have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 infection in the prior 14 days (regardless of the visitor’s vaccination status)
- Hand hygiene (use of alcohol-based hand rub is preferred)
- Face covering or mask (covering mouth and nose) and social distancing at least six feet between persons, in accordance with CDC guidance
- Instructional signage throughout the facility and proper visitor education on COVID-19 signs and symptoms, infection control precautions, other applicable facility practices (e.g., use of face covering or mask, specified entries, exits and routes to designated areas, hand hygiene)
- Cleaning and disinfecting high-frequency touched surfaces in the facility often, and designated visitation areas after each visit
- Appropriate staff use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Effective cohorting of residents (e.g., separate areas dedicated to COVID-19 care)
- Resident and staff testing conducted as required

We will continue to provide you with regular updates about the situation and will promptly notify you if we identify any additional residents or staff with confirmed COVID-19. We encourage you to contact us with questions and concerns. Please call us at 724-837-6070 or visit our website at [www.stannehome.org](http://www.stannehome.org) for updates. Our entire care team is here to serve you and answer your questions. Thank you for your continued support and confidence in the care and services St. Anne Home provides to you and or your loved one. The safety of our residents and staff is our top priority.