

For the September 25, 2021 COVID-19 positive test report, we have three new Nursing Facility residents, one nursing staff member and one healthcare partner tested positive for COVID-19 and we have not had three or more residents or staff with new onset of respiratory symptoms occurring within 72 hours of each other. We continue to conduct outbreak COVID-19 testing on staff and residents.

Cumulatively since September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 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:	2	0	1	5	0

All of these new positive cases above occurred in fully vaccinated individuals.

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:	72	17	4	57	31

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

Per current CMS recommendations we will have to stop indoor visits until at least one round of facility-wide testing is completed. Consistent with CMS rules, 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 which occurred on Saturday, September 25, 2021. As a result of this, per CMS guidance, St. Anne Home nursing facility will suspend visitation for all residents (vaccinated and unvaccinated), until October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Compassionate Care Visits are allowed at all times and should be scheduled with the RN Supervisor in consultation with our Director of Nursing. Some examples of Compassionate Care Visits include the following:

- end of life situations,

- recently admitted residents struggling with a change in environment and lack of physical family support situations,
- a resident who is grieving after a friend or family member recently passed away situation,
- a resident who needs cueing and encouragement with eating or drinking, previously provided by family and is experiencing weight loss or dehydration situations
- a resident, who used to talk and interact with others, is experiencing emotional distress, seldom speaking, or crying more frequently (when the resident had rarely cried in the past), and
- visits by clergy or lay persons offering religious and spiritual support

Per CMS guidance visitation can resume based on the following criteria:

- If the first round of outbreak testing reveals no additional COVID-19 cases in other areas (e.g., units or villas) of the facility, then indoor visitation can resume for residents in areas/units with no COVID-19 cases. However, the facility should suspend visitation on the affected unit until the facility meets the criteria to discontinue outbreak testing.
  - o For example, if the first round of outbreak testing reveals two more COVID-19 cases in the same unit as the original case, but not in other units, indoor visitation can resume for residents in areas/units with no COVID-19 cases.
- If the first round of outbreak testing reveals one or more additional COVID-19 cases in other areas/units/villas of the facility (e.g., new cases in two or more units), then facilities should suspend visitation for all residents (vaccinated and unvaccinated), until the facility meets the criteria to discontinue outbreak testing.

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.