

May 11, 2021

Good afternoon,

We hope all the mothers had a lovely Mother's Day this year even with all the restrictions in place. It will certainly be one for us to remember.

Yesterday, we heard from a staff member who tested positive for COVID-19. We immediately called Public Health and they thankfully determined that there was no risk to Saint Vincent's Nursing Home as the staff member had not worked at Saint Vincent's during the period of transmission of the virus. We are very thankful and relieved, **but we need to remind ourselves that COVID-19 is indeed in our community and we need to do our best to prevent this virus from entering Saint Vincent's.**

DESIGNATED CAREGIVERS

It is extremely important that all designated caregivers follow the rules which we have put in place for your visits with your loved one.

- Masks **MUST** be worn for your entire visit. They cannot be removed or pulled away from your face for any reason. They cannot be removed when in a resident's room.
- You are not allowed to drink or eat anything while you are in the building or visiting in the garden area.
- You must maintain physical distance between yourself and your loved one as much as possible.
- If you take your loved one to the garden, please take them to the area inside of the fence. We would like to reserve the benches outside of the fence for residents who are outside with recreation staff.

Most of our designated caregivers are following the rules and faithfully wearing a mask which is appreciated. Unfortunately, we have observed some caregivers improperly wearing a mask. Failing to wear a mask or improperly wearing a mask is a breach of the public health order. We cannot allow those who will not abide by this requirement to enter the facility.

Thank you to everyone who has come for a COVID-19 test over the last couple of weeks. Keep it up! If we all follow the rules, we can get through this safely. We are doing so well, and together we can get to the end of this pandemic.



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