



Christmas Holiday Update

Dear Residents/Families/Friends,

With Christmas and New Year's Eve around the corner, we would like to send you and your loved ones the warmest of holiday wishes. We know how difficult it is to celebrate this time of year without the same traditions we have all grown accustomed to, but with the COVID-19 vaccine becoming a reality in the very near future, we are more hopeful than ever that 2021 will bring happier and safer times for everyone.

As always, we are extremely grateful that you have entrusted your loved ones to our care and we are making every effort to provide our residents with wonderful holidays. On Tuesday, Santa took time out of his busy schedule and made an appearance at St. George Healthcare and passed gifts out to our residents. I wanted to let everyone know that we've been given new guidance regarding goods, mail, and food: any items delivered will be delivered to a designated area outside of the facility (there are boxes outside the front doors). They must be labeled with resident information. They do NOT have to go through a quarantine period, they can be delivered immediately to the resident. Resident can also receive outside food, however, once it enters resident rooms, it can NOT be placed into communal refrigerator. If it can't be stored safely in room, it must be discarded.

As a reminder, our cumulative number of cases to date are as follows: 75 residents and 36 staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. Because Dorchester County rates continue to be higher than 10%, we are required to test 2x/wk. Unfortunately, Outdoor Visitations are still suspended because of this. We still have the ability to conduct window visits and FaceTime via our facility I-pads. Our regular weekly updates will resume next week and we will continue to update you on our website if we receive notifications of new confirmed cases of COVID-19. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us directly.

On behalf of the entire staff at St. George Healthcare Center, I wish you a happy and safe Christmas and New Year's.

Sincerely,

Vicki Sides, Administrator

