

The health, safety and peace of mind for patients, families and employees is our highest priority at St. Barnabas.

As of today, 11/20/2020, there are no new clusters of residents or employees. We have received all of the results from our surveillance testing of our employees. We are pleased to report that all have tested negative. The positivity rate continues to rise in Allegheny County that is requiring us to test the Nursing Home employees weekly until either the positivity rate lowers and/or guidance from our governing bodies is altered.

We have not had a new positive case of COVID-19 amongst residents or employees since 7/13/2020.

The Thanksgiving holiday is right around the corner. That being said, the link below will guide you to an article for the safest ways to celebrate along with recommendations to have loved ones in a Long Term Care Facility setting remain in place for the holiday to mitigate their risk of infection along with other residents and staff upon their return.

<https://www.mcknights.com/news/cms-to-issue-formal-alert-on-how-nursing-homes-should-manage-thanksgiving-visits/?mpweb=1326-13608-493262>

Our staffing is more than ample and our employee morale remains strong as they are dedicated to the care of our residents.

We continue to monitor COVID-19 updates and follow recommendations and guidelines from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the Governor of Pennsylvania.

We are still reporting to the PA Department of Health and the CDC.

Please note that this is still a fluid situation and has the possibility of changing. You will be made aware of changes as they occur.

As always, if you want your loved one transferred to the hospital, another facility, or to their or your home, we can help you make any necessary arrangements.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this unprecedented time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Should you have any additional questions, or if you would like to speak with a representative from St. Barnabas Nursing Home, please call 724-443-0700 and request Aaron Salyards, Administrator, or Jennifer Starr, Director of Nursing.