

October 30, 2020

Dear St. John's Meadows and Brickstone by St. John's Residents,

As many of you are aware, there is currently an increase in citizens testing positive with the COVID virus throughout much of the United States, including Monroe County and neighboring counties.

Due to this increase in positive cases and our concern for your safety and well-being, I am strongly recommending that your home health aides, private duty aides, and family caregivers get tested regularly, preferably once a week.

You will find testing locations on this website for your reference: <u>https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you</u>. This additional step will hopefully prevent any unintentional spread to you and other community residents and staff members.

This test is NOT being mandated at this time. The choice is yours as to whether you request that your private caregiver/family member be tested. However, in any case, please be diligent about ensuring your caregiver is wearing the required PPE (face mask and face shield) when inside your room and/or in close contact with you or someone else. We will continue to closely monitor the direction this virus goes in the coming months and will act accordingly along with the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the New York State Department of Health, and the Monroe County Department of Health with respect to preserving your health and wellbeing.

Stay safe and stay well! It only takes one person.

Regards,

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