



**PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTIVE AND ORDER  
FOR ENHANCED PATIENT AND STAFF SAFETY**

*Pursuant to Code of Maryland Regulations, Sec. 10.06.01.06*

I, Meenakshi Garg Brewster, Health Officer for St. Mary's County, finding it necessary for the control and medical containment of 2019 Novel Coronavirus ("SARS-CoV-2") and the disease that it causes – Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19"), hereby direct the following measures to be implemented by Residential Treatment Centers located in St. Mary's County, Maryland.

1. Comply with guidance from the St. Mary's County Health Department in disease investigation and control efforts, including contact tracing, of any staff or patients/clients suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 or SARS-CoV-2.
2. Utilize personal protective equipment per guidelines and recommendations from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Maryland Department of Health, and the St. Mary's County Health Department.
3. Screen daily all staff and patients/clients for COVID-19 signs and symptoms per guidelines and recommendations from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Maryland Department of Health, and the St. Mary's County Health Department.
4. Report any positive SARS-CoV-2 test results for staff or patients/clients - irrespective of jurisdiction of residence for said staff or patients/clients - to the St. Mary's County Health Department within 24 hours of notification of result.
5. Implement universal COVID-19 viral testing of all staff and patients/clients upon designation by the St. Mary's County Health Department of COVID-19 outbreak status at the Residential Treatment Center, and continue with

universal testing of all staff and patients/clients on an at least weekly basis for the duration of active outbreak status.

**THIS DIRECTIVE AND ORDER IS ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS  
16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2020, AND IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.**



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Meenakshi G. Brewster, MD, MPH

Health Officer

St. Mary's County, Maryland