

# SAINT ANNE'S TERRACE MEMO

**TO:** Residents and Families

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**Subject:** Viral Sign Infrared Scanning Facts

Next week Viral Sign screening will make its debut at the Terrace. Here is some quick information regarding the device:

- This advanced screening science is distinguished by technology's ability to identify the presence of virus in individuals prior to the onset of symptoms.
  - Viral Sign captures and interprets a comprehensive thermal signature of the face to identify patterns consistent with the presence of flu-like illness, including COVID-19.
  - Unlike point thermometers or thermal cameras, Viral Sign does not rely on singled point or maximum temperature of the face.
  - A Viral Sign screen can take place in under three seconds and enables mass screening of populations.
  - As a non-contact screening solution, Viral Sign does not require contact between the screener and the individual being screened.
  - Viral and audible alerts automatically notify the operator of the suspicion of virus in individuals. The alert is generated by the artificial intelligence in Viral Sign.
  - The operator is not required to interpret the thermal signature.
- VIRAL SIGN DOES NOT PROVIDE A DIAGNOSIS.*
- Viral Sign is a screening tool that enables screening of a population to identify the presymptomatic and symptomatic presence of virus.
  - Viral Sign predicts the presence of influenza-like illness but does not predict the specific type or subtype of influenza, coronavirus, etc.
  - A diagnosis of illness must be made by a medical professional.

On July 28<sup>th</sup> Viral Sign will be installed and used on employees and essential contractors. Sometime a little later in the week, we will be inviting residents down to come get scanned. Once the staff is trained on the device and software, we will begin allowing visitors in the building. This is tentatively planned around the beginning of August, and we will send out more details of this plan at a later date.

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At that point anyone entering the building must get scanned before being allowed to come back into the building. If Viral Sign alerts us of the suspicion of virus in any individual, they will not be allowed in the building. If it gives us this alert on a resident, you will have to be quarantined into your apartment until arrangements are made for you to get and receive a negative COVID test.

We are very excited to partner with Viral Sign. It gives us another line of defense to fight this virus and provides us a way to safely start working towards getting back to some form of normalcy.

*David Brooks*