



COVID-19 Update

Date: Saturday, April 11, 2020

Dear St. John's Residents, Tenants, and Employees,

We were notified this morning that an employee has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. The employee that tested positive works at The Meadows Assisted Living and Waters Edge Independent Living at the Fountain Lake site.

Our goal all along has been to keep this invisible virus out of our buildings and away from the people we serve and our employees. At the same time, we knew that this would be very difficult to accomplish. The number of COVID-19 cases throughout Minnesota and Freeborn County is increasing every day.

I want to stress and remind all St. John's residents, tenants, and employees how very important it is to continue to...

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and wash your hands often.
- Wear your mask at all times.
- Stay home if you are not feeling well.
- Seek medical attention if you have symptoms of the COVID-19 virus: elevated temperature, cough, shortness of breath. The clinic telephone number is: 507-373-2384.

It is urgently important for us to continue to restrict visits to the independent living, assisted living, and nursing home. I know that people are getting impatient with the restrictions, but the restrictions are in place to protect all of us. Please kindly ask family and friends not to visit until this is all behind us. One visitor could unknowingly pass this virus on to a large number of people at the Fountain Lake site or the Highway 13 site.

We will continue to screen all employees before they begin their work shift. Employees who exhibit symptoms are instructed to self-quarantine at home and notify their healthcare provider for an order to be tested for the COVID-19 virus.

We will continue to screen tenants and residents for elevated temperatures and other symptoms of the COVID-19 virus.

This entire situation is very difficult. We are doing everything we can to protect our residents, tenants and employees. This is our number one priority right now. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we try to deal with this awful virus that is impacting all of our lives.

Sincerely,

Scot Spates  
CEO / Administrator