



June 1, 2020
COVID-19 Update

Dear St. John's Residents, tenants and Family

I am writing to inform you that we have an employee who tested positive for the COVID-19 virus that works at the Highway 13 nursing home and also an employee that tested positive that works at the Woodlands nursing home. These two employees will be in quarantine at home for 10 to 14 days, or longer if their COVID-19 symptoms persist.

As of the date of this letter, we do not have any nursing home residents or apartment tenants that have been diagnosed with the COVID-19 virus. We are monitoring all nursing home residents, and apartment tenants every day for symptoms related to the COVID-19 virus. During the pandemic, we've had residents and tenants that have been tested for the virus and fortunately all have come back negative.

With the State of Minnesota starting to allow businesses to open, there are more opportunities for the COVID-19 virus to spread. We have instructed St. John's employees to be extra diligent about infection control practices at work, and to take precautions when out in public, such as wearing a mask and social distancing,

St. John's employees are wearing masks and eye protection when providing direct care to the residents or tenants. We continue to screen all employees for COVID-19 symptoms prior to them starting their work shift. Employees have been very conscientious about monitoring themselves for signs and symptoms of the COVID-19 virus and getting tested when appropriate.

As a reminder, I have been posting updates on our website regarding the COVID-19 virus. I try to post one update per week. There is a COVID 19 button on the top of the front page of St. John's website. St. John's website address is: www.stjohnsofalbertlea.org. Click the black banner at the top of the front page of the website to access:

- COVID 19 Updates,
- Resident and Family Letters,
- Links to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH).

The question that we hear most often from families is: when will visitor restrictions be lifted? We are required to follow the Minnesota Department of Health's guidelines regarding visitations and they have not given us the OK to lift restrictions at this time. I know that this is very difficult for everyone, but we don't have a choice with regard to visitations. The Department of Health does allow window visits, but they have very strict guidelines regarding these visits.

During this difficult time, thank you for your support and understanding as we focus on trying to keep the COVID virus out of the St. John's Community.

Sincerely,

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CEO / Administrator