



October 20, 2021
COVID Update

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

Yesterday, we had an employee that works at the Woodlands that tested positive for the Covid-19 virus. This employee was tested at Mayo on Sunday.

From our testing on Monday, we also had an employee that works at the Woodlands that tested positive for the Covid virus. We need to limit visitors at the Woodlands to Essential Caregivers only. Other family and friends should not visit at this time. Family and friends are allowed to visit in an outdoor setting. Masks must be worn and social distancing needs to be practiced. Hopefully, we can fully open our doors again in about a week.

On Monday, we tested most of the nursing home residents at both St. John's locations and Meadows tenants for the Covid virus. Thankfully, none of the residents or tenants tested positive.

One employee from the Luther Place nursing home tested positive. This employee had not worked for over a week, so we are still able to allow family and friend visitors at the Luther Place location.

The Meadows did not have any tenants or employees that tested positive for the Covid virus, so we can open the Meadows to family and friend visitors at this time.

We have had a few requests for large group family gatherings to celebrate birthdays and special occasions. We are required to follow CMS guidelines and these guidelines do not allow for large group family gatherings at this time. We have not received guidelines from CMS regarding the upcoming holidays, but I am anticipating that we will not be able to have large family gatherings over the Holiday Season.

Lastly, a few people have asked about mandatory vaccinations for nursing home and assisted living employees. We are waiting for guidelines from CMS regarding mandatory vaccinations. At this time, CMS is strongly encouraging all healthcare workers to get vaccinated. We are strongly encouraging all of our employees to get vaccinated as well.

Sincerely,

Scot Spates

You'll find a *home* in our community.