



October 5, 2021  
COVID Update

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

Just a quick update from the Covid testing on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. As I mentioned in yesterday's update, we had two tenants from the Meadows Assisted Living that tested positive for the Covid-19 virus. All of the remaining nursing home residents, tenants and employee tests came back negative.

Since the start of the pandemic, our goal all along has been to protect St. John's residents, tenants and employees from the Covid virus. This is still our goal, but unfortunately the Covid virus is still spreading throughout Freeborn County, Minnesota, and throughout the United States.

When we have a resident, tenant or employee that tests positive for the Covid virus, we are required to implement visitor restrictions. At this time, visitor restrictions apply to the Luther Place nursing home, Knutson Place, the Woodlands and the Meadows. Essential Caregiver visits are still allowed in all buildings. We are also allowing outdoor visits at this time.

Every resident and tenant can have two designated Essential Caregivers. Essential Caregivers must complete a brief training on the Covid virus and infection prevention. Upon completion of the Essential Caregiver training, the caregiver is given a name badge that should be worn when visiting at St. John's.

There are basic infection control practices that should be followed by all St. John's visitors and employees. If you are not feeling well, please postpone your visit. Wear a mask when visiting at St. John's. Wash or sanitize your hands when you enter and exit the building, and when you enter a resident's room or a tenant's apartment. These are all very easy steps that we can take to prevent or slow the spread of the Covid virus, and to protect those that live or work at St. John's.

Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

Scot Spates

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