



October 8, 2021
COVID Update

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

The past two weeks have been concerning with regard to the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

On Monday, we had two Meadows tenants that tested positive for Covid. None of the nursing home residents or employees tested positive on Monday.

On Thursday, we had one employee that works at the Woodlands test positive for the Covid virus. None of the residents or tenants tested positive.

This morning we were notified of an employees that works at the Luther Place Nursing Home that tested positive for the Covid virus. This employee was tested at Mayo due to Covid symptoms, and their test came back positive. If an employee develops Covid symptom they are instructed to be tested at Mayo immediately.

The weekly testing that we are doing has been very helpful in identifying people that are infected with the Covid virus. When we identify a Covid positive person, we are able to quickly isolate them from other residents, tenants, and employees. This immediate action helps to stop or at least slow the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

The testing is very time consuming for our employees that are doing the testing, but all realize how important the testing is to stopping the spread. I want to publically thank all of our testers. The time and care that they are putting into protecting people from this virus is very much appreciated! I also want to thank our employees for stepping up and getting tested every week, and often twice a week. Many of our employees come in to get tested on their days off, so testing is a huge commitment on their part as well. Thank you!

We will need to continue with visitor restrictions at this time. We know that these restrictions are very difficult for residents, tenants, their families and friends. The intent behind the restrictions is to prevent further spread of the Covid-19 virus, and this protects all of us.

Lastly, I want to thank those that have been vaccinated against the Covid virus. The more of us that are vaccinated the better. This virus is still spreading and the vaccine helps to stop or slow the spread of this horrible virus. If you are not vaccinated for whatever reason, please reconsider your decision.

Sincerely,

Scot Spates

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