



COVID Update
November 19, 2020

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

We have been testing St. John's employees once a week for a few weeks now. As the number of COVID positive people increase in Freeborn County and throughout the state, we are seeing an increasing number of employees that are testing positive for the COVID-19 virus.

Below are the results from the COVID testing that we did this Monday, November 16.

- Three employees that work at the Luther Place Nursing Home tested positive for the COVID virus
- None of the residents that reside at the Luther Place Nursing Home tested positive for the COVID 19 virus
- One employee that works at the Woodlands tested positive for the COVID virus
- One resident at the Woodlands tested positive for the COVID virus
- None of the employees or tenants at the Meadows tested positive for the virus

At this time, we are still allowed to have Essential Caregiver visits and Compassionate Care visits in the two St. John's nursing homes and at the Meadows. Please do not make visits if you are not feeling well, or if you have been exposed to someone that tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. This could potentially infect the person that you are visiting, others that live at St. John's, and St. John's employees.

When you visit, please sanitize your hands throughout the visit, and wear your facemask and eye protection during the entire time that you are visiting. We do not want you or anyone that lives, or works at St. John's to be exposed to this virus.

Our main goal during this pandemic has not changed. We are trying to take every possible precaution to keep the COVID-19 virus away from the residents, tenants, essential caregivers, and staff. One person infected with this virus is too many.

Thank you for your understanding as we work our way through this pandemic. There are a lot of guidelines and restrictions that we are following in order to prevent or slow down the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

I know that Thanksgiving is going to be very different for many of us this year. How we live our lives has changed significantly since this virus started spreading back in March of 2020.

I'm very hopeful that the two vaccines that are being reviewed by the Food and Drug Administration will help put an end to the rapid spread of the COVID-19 virus. I'm hopeful that the vaccines will be a major turning point in our fight against this virus, and that our lives will return to normal in the foreseeable future.

God Bless and take care,

Scot Spates
St. John's Lutheran Community
CEO / Administrator

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