



December 14, 2020
COVID Update

Dear Residents, Tenants and Families.

I have good news again this week. We did two rounds of testing last week and all of the tests came back negative for the COVID-19 virus. The positivity rate in Freeborn County is running about 11% which is high. Considering the county positivity rate, I'm thrilled that all of our internal tests results are coming back negative.

In order for us to open our doors to family and friend visitors, the county positivity rate needs to be at or drop below 10 percent. Even though our internal test results are excellent, we can't open our door to family and friend visitors quite yet. I look forward to the day when we can fully open our doors. I know that the visitor restrictions are very difficult for the residents, tenants and their families. This is especially true during the Holiday Season. Essential Caregiver visits are still allowed.

I don't have information regarding when St. John's will have access to the COVID-19 vaccine. We may have more information by the end of the week. I will update you when we know more. The FDA and the CDC are strongly encouraging people that live in nursing home and assisted living settings be vaccinated as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding as we work our way through this pandemic. It's been ten months now since we started taking significant and necessary precautions to protect the residents, tenants, and employees. Many news channels reported this weekend that the availability of the vaccine is the beginning of the end for the COVID-19 virus. This is such great and hopeful news as Christmas draws closer.

Take Care and God Bless,

Scot Spates
CEO / Administrator

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