



Covid Update
December 17, 2020

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

We had one employee that tested positive for the COVID-19 virus from the testing that was done on Monday, December 14. This employee works at the Woodlands. We are doing another round of testing today, December 17.

The Meadows, Waters Edge, the Highway 13 Nursing Home and Knutson Place are able to have family and friend visitors at this time. The reason that we are allowed to have family and friend visitors in these four buildings is because all of the residents and employees have been testing negative for the COVID-19 virus, and because the Freeborn County positivity rate has dropped below 10%.

As a word of caution, family and friend visits could be suspended at any time. In the event that a resident or employee tests positive for the COVID-19 virus, we will need to suspend the family and friend visits. Unfortunately, family and friend visits are currently suspended at the Woodlands. I was hoping that we would be able to have family and friend visits in all of our buildings, but this isn't an option for us at this time. The Minnesota Department of Health requires us to continue with the suspension of visitors at the Woodlands. Essential Caregivers are still allowed to visit at the Woodlands.

Below are the guidelines for family and friend visits.

**Essential Caregiver Visits and
Other Family and Friend Visits**

To schedule a visit, please call at least 24 hours in advance of your visit. Two telephone lines have been dedicated to scheduling visits.

If your family member resides at Fountain Lake please call 507-473-2446.

If you family member resides at the Highway 13 site please call: 507-473-1016.

Please include:

1. Your name(S) (Visits are limited to two people at a time.)
2. Your telephone number
3. Name of person that you are visiting
4. Date of visit
5. Time of visit

Your visit is now scheduled.

The number of visitors in the building at one time is limited to 50% of the census.

- The Highway 13 Nursing Home can only have 15 visitors in the building at one time.
- The Meadows can only have 15 visitors at a time.

Visitor Guidelines

Do not visit if you are running an elevated temperature, have symptoms of the COVID-19 virus, or if you have been exposed to someone diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.

Visiting hours are from 9am to 7pm.

A resident or tenant may have two visitors at a time.

Prior to being screened by the receptionist, please use hand sanitizer located by the front entry.

A mask must be worn during the entire time that the visitor is in the building.

Visitors must go directly to the resident's room or tenant's apartment and remain there for the duration of the visit.

Essential Caregiver visits are limited to three hours.

Other family and friend visits are limited to one hour.

When you enter the resident's room and when you leave the resident's room, please use hand sanitizer.

Lastly, my hope and prayer is that 2021 will be a much better year for all of us. The vaccine should help to bring the COVID-19 virus under control. Controlling the spread of the virus will allow us to fully open our doors again to all visitors. Something that we are all looking forward to in 2021.

Thank you for your understanding during this very difficult time.

God Bless!

Scot Spates

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