



December 24, 2020

COVID Update

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

The COVID-19 testing that we did on Monday, December 21 went well. All staff and residents that were tested were negative for the COVID-19 virus.

We tested staff again today, December 23, at both St. John's locations. We had two staff that work at the Woodlands that tested positive for the COVID-19 virus and one provider that works primarily at the Woodlands that tested positive. After being tested at St. John's, the provider and one of the staff that tested positive went to Mayo for a second test and those results came back negative for the COVID-19 virus. They will be tested again tomorrow. The PCR test that was done by Mayo tends to be more accurate than the antigen test that we did on Wednesday at St. John's. Neither the provider nor the employee that tested positive with the antigen test had COVID-19 symptoms.

We also had an employee that works at the Fountain Lake location that was tested by Mayo and her test came back positive for the COVID-19 virus. This employee does not work in any of the buildings where people live.

St. John's nursing home residents and employees will start getting vaccinated next Thursday, December 31. This past year has been very difficult due to all of the restriction and precautions that we have had to take to protect ourselves and each other from the COVID-19 virus. I am very thankful that we will be able to end the year on a positive note by offering the vaccine to our nursing home residents and employees. I know that the impact of the vaccine is not going to be immediate. More people will still need to be vaccinated, but it is a major step in the right direction.

I want to extend Christmas Blessings to all St. John's residents, tenants, and their families, and Best Wishes for the New Year!

Sincerely,

Scot Spates

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