



February 10, 2021
COVID Update

Dear Residents, Tenants and Families,

On Monday, February 8th, we tested St. John's Nursing Home residents and employees for the COVID-19 virus. I'm happy to report that none of the nursing home residents at either of St. John's locations tested positive for the COVID virus. None of the nursing home staff at the Luther Place site tested positive for the COVID virus. This is all great news and what we are aiming for in our fight against this virus.

We had three staff that work at the Woodlands that tested positive for the COVID virus. They are in quarantine for 10 to 14 days. This virus is still spreading, so it's important for all of us to continue to take precautions and protect ourselves and each other from this virus.

One of the best defenses against this virus is wearing a mask. Essential Caregivers need to wear a mask during the entire visit. Please do not take off your mask at any time while you are in the building, including when you are visiting with your family member. Removing your mask puts you, your loved one, and others at risk of contracting the COVID virus.

The Essential Caregivers are still allowed to visit at both St. John's locations. The Luther Place site can also have Family and Friend Visitors beginning on February 11. The Woodlands is not allowed to have Family and Friend Visitors at this time. The Minnesota Department of Health requires that nursing homes are COVID free for two weeks prior to allowing Family and Friend Visitors.

A few of the Essential Caregivers have asked about receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. We have been in contact with HyVee and they may be able to give the vaccine to Essential Caregivers in the near future. The vaccine would be available to Essential Caregivers that are 65 or older. I will send out another update when we have more details.

Please continue to take this virus seriously. I know that this has been a long and drawn out ordeal, but it is still way too early for us to let our guard down. Thank you for all that you are doing to help keep this virus in check – it is very much appreciated!

Take Care,

Scot Spates

CEO / Administrator

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