

August 13, 2021 COVID Update

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

Just a quick clarification regarding the COVID Update from August 12. The staff member that tested positive for the COVID-19 virus works at both St. John's Nursing Homes. We also had a tenant that resides at Knutson Place that tested positive for the COVID-19 virus this week. Visitor restrictions apply to the buildings that have had exposure to the COVID virus, so in this case, the visitor restrictions apply to both nursing homes and Knutson Place. Visitor restrictions do not apply to the Meadows or Waters Edge at this time.

We had a bit of reprieve from the COVID restrictions once the vaccine became available during the first few months of 2021. Unfortunately, the number of people infected by the COVID virus is now increasing at an alarming rate in Freeborn County, throughout Minnesota and throughout our country. Hospitals in some of the southern states are at, or near full capacity. This pandemic is far from over.

Thank you for your cooperation as we carefully navigate our way through this pandemic. We understand that the visitor restrictions are difficult for the residents, tenants and their families. Our main goal is to protect the people that reside or work at St. John's from the COVID-19 virus.

Our next COVID test date is August 17, and we should have the test results by August 19. We will send out another update when we receive the results from the COVID testing. If all of the results come back negative, we will be able to fully open all of our buildings to family and friend visitors. As a reminder, Essential Caregivers are still allowed to make visits in all of our buildings.

God Bless,

**Scot Spates** 

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