



August 27, 2021
COVID Update

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

On Tuesday, August 24, we tested residents, tenants and employees at all St. John's locations. I'm happy to report that all tests came back negative for the COVID virus. However, we had one employee that works at the Luther Place Nursing Home that was tested externally, and they tested positive.

At the Luther Place Nursing Home, we will need to continue with visitor restrictions until after we receive test results from testing next week. Testing of residents, tenants, and employees next week will be on Tuesday, August 31. Essential Caregivers are still allowed to visit and compassionate care visits are also allowed.

Family and friend visitors are allowed at Knutson Place, Waters Edge, the Meadows and the Woodlands.

The current positivity rate in Freeborn County is increasing rapidly, which is concerning to us. We are monitoring the county positivity rate very closely. The elevated county positivity rate is a red flag to us indicating that the COVID virus is actively spreading throughout the county. As the positivity rate increases in Freeborn County, our residents, tenants, employees and visitors are more likely to be exposed to the COVID virus. We all need to be extra diligent in following recommended precautions like getting vaccinated, masking, and physical distancing.

Finally, as a reminder, masks are still required in all healthcare settings. Please make sure that you are masked whenever you are visiting at any of St. John's buildings. Thank you for the precautions that you are taking to protect the people that live and work at St. John's. It is very much appreciated!

Sincerely,

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

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