



COVID Update  
December 2, 2020

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

We have most of the test results from the resident and employee COVID-19 testing on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. So far we have one employee that has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. This employee works at the Luther Place Nursing Home and thankfully she is doing fine.

We will be testing employees and residents again this Thursday, December 3. The reason that we are testing twice a week is because the number of people in Freeborn County that are testing positive for the COVID-19 virus is above 10%. The Freeborn County positivity rate tells us that this virus is spreading in our community.

With twice-a-week testing, we are getting test results pretty much every day. In order to keep residents, tenants, and families better updated, we will use the St. John's website as the primary means of communication with families. What is happening now, when we mail out updates to families, we are finding that the update is already outdated within a day or two.

In the event that you do not have access to the internet, please call Kandy Kampman at 507-473-1056 and she will put you on a mailing list and send you a copy of the update that was posted on the St. John's website. Again, please keep in mind that the updates that are mailed, may already be outdated by the time you receive them.

We have been very fortunate so far, and have been able to avoid a major COVID spread among our residents, tenants and employees in any of our buildings. I continue to encourage our staff to follow CDC infection control practice like wearing a mask and physical distancing when at work and when off of work.

We were contacted earlier this week by the Freeborn County Public Health asking for a headcount of residents, tenants and employees. This is in preparation of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. Hopefully we will have access to the vaccine in late December, or January, 2021. The vaccine will help to slow the spread of this nasty virus. Something that I know we are all looking forward to.

Take Care and God Bless,

Scot Spates  
CEO / Administrator