



June 19, 2020
COVID-19 Update

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

As of the date of this COVID Update, we do not have any residents or tenants, at either of St. John's locations that have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus! The precautions that we are taking are working!

To date, we've had 4 staff test positive for the COVID-19 virus and all have recovered and are doing well. All 4 staff are well beyond the 14 day timeframe since they became infected.

Testing of the nursing home residents at the Highway 13 site is scheduled for June 23. Testing will take place between 10am and 12 noon. Staff at the Highway 13 site will also be tested on June 23 and 24. As a reminder, a person that tests negative for the COVID-19 virus one day, could test positive for the virus a few days later. The test is a snapshot in time.

Testing at the Fountain Lake site has not been scheduled yet, but it will likely be scheduled for the second or third week in July.

The opening of the beauty shop is going well. It will take some time for Linda to get caught up on haircuts, so please be patient with her.

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has approved of window visits with the window open, and outdoor visits in designated visiting areas. Outdoor visits can begin on June 20th. Just in time for Father's Day! Please see Outdoor Visiting Guidelines posted on our website. You must call ahead to schedule the visiting time. Please don't just show up.

Please follow the below guidelines when doing window visits.

- Social distancing of 6 feet needs to be followed per the Minnesota Department of Health.
- The resident and visitor must wear a mask. I would urge all families to follow this guideline. The COVID-19 virus can spread through the saliva that is released when we talk to each other.
- Please call ahead and let the staff know that you plan on doing a window visit and the anticipated time of the visit. Staff will assist the resident to the window.
- Please do not schedule window visits during meal times from 11:30am to 12:30pm and 4:30pm to 5:30pm.
- Please try to keep the visits to around 30 minutes.

Happy Father's Day to all of the Dads and Granddads!

Sincerely,

Scot Spates
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CEO / Administrator