

COVID-19 Update October 26, 2020

Dear Woodlands Residents and Families,

Today we received notification that one of our nursing student's has tested positive for COVID-19. The student was wearing all appropriate personal protective equipment during their time in the building. We will continue to monitor our residents and staff closely for any signs and symptoms of COVD-19. The student will be in quarantine for at least 14 days, and longer if the student continues to have symptoms.

We have notified the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) that one of the student's has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. The MDH will require us to test all employees for the COVID-19 virus once a week until we know that this virus is behind us. Employee testing will be ongoing until we have gone 14 days without an employee or resident that tests positive for the virus.

COVID-19 testing will also be available for the residents. We strongly encourage nursing home residents to be tested weekly. This virus spreads quickly and easily, and we won't know for certain if an individual resident is COVID free without the tests.

Because we have a student that tested positive for the COVID-19 virus, we need to suspend friends and family visits effective immediately for residents that live at the Woodlands. We know this is not easy but we need to do everything possible to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Our goal at this time is to keep COVID-19 from spreading any further to our residents, tenants, and employees.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this trying time.

Sincerely,

Kelsey Diehl, LNHA Administrator St. John's Lutheran Community