



COVID-19 Update
September 4, 2020

Dear Residents, Tenants and Families,

It's been a few weeks since I've done a COVID-19 update. We've been very fortunate, as we have not had any new cases of residents, tenants, or staff that have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. This reflects well on our staff, residents, and tenants. People are taking the necessary precautions to protect themselves, and others from this virus. Thank you!

Opening the doors to Essential Caregivers has gone really well. Residents and tenants are very happy to reconnect with at least one person from their immediate family. Thank you to all Essential Caregivers for following the guidelines issued by the Minnesota Department of Health. Wearing masks and protective eyewear, washing hands and social distancing all help to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Hopefully, we can continue to keep this virus out of our buildings and away from the residents, tenants, staff and essential visitors.

The federal government is requiring all nursing homes to offer COVID-19 testing to staff on a regular basis. The frequency of testing will depend on the number of COVID cases in the county. Based on the current Freeborn County numbers, we will be offering testing once a month to our staff.

As we start to enter into the fall season, I would encourage people to get one or two more outdoor visits in before it gets too cold outside. Please call ahead to schedule an outdoor visit, and please make sure that you are wearing a mask and social distancing during the visit.

With this being Labor Day weekend, I want to acknowledge all of St. John's employees and the important work that they do each and every day of the year to protect our residents and tenants, and to meet their needs. Dealing with the COVID virus has not been easy. St. John's employees have done an outstanding job stepping up and facing this challenge with courage, skill, discipline and heart. I'm very proud to be working with such a great group of people during this difficult time.

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