



COVID-19 Update
September 19, 2020

Dear Woodlands Residents and Families,

One of our employees that works at the Woodlands tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. We received confirmation from the employee today that they had tested positive. The employee will be in quarantine for at least 14 days, and longer if the employee continues to have symptoms of the COVID virus.

As of today, we do not currently have any Woodlands residents that have tested positive for the virus. This can change quickly, so we will be closely monitoring residents for signs and symptoms of the COVID virus.

We have notified the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) that one of our employees 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 an employee that tested positive for the COVID-19 virus, we need to suspend outdoor visits effective immediately for residents that live at the Woodlands. I know how much these visits mean to the residents, but we just don't have a choice.

We also need to close the beauty shop to Woodland residents at this time.

Our goal at this time is to keep the COVID virus from spreading any further to our residents, tenants, and employees. We've run into this situation a few other times, with staff that have tested positive, and we were able to contain the virus and stop it from spreading.

Thank you for your understanding as we work through this pandemic.

Sincerely,

Scot Spates
CEO / Administrator

St. John's Lutheran Community