

December 29, 2020 COVID Update

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

We tested nursing home residents and employees for the COVID-19 virus on Monday, December 28. We do not have these results yet, but should have some of results by tomorrow.

We had two employees and one provider that tested positive for the COVID-19 virus on December 23. The provider and one of the employees that tested positive on December 23 were retested by Mayo and both tests came back negative for the COVID-19 virus. What this means is that only one employee tested positive for the COVID virus from the December 23 testing.

We had an employee that went to Mayo after the December 23 testing because she was experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. This employee did test positive for the COVID-19 virus and is in quarantine. This employee works at the St. John's Luther Place Nursing Home. We will need to suspend Family and Friend Visits at the Luther Place site at this time. Essential Caregiver Visits are stilled allowed.

This Thursday, December 31, St. John's nursing home residents and staff will begin receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. Two doses of the vaccine are needed. The second dose is scheduled for January 28, 2021. I am very thankful that this vaccine is available to our residents and employees. I look forward to the day when our housing tenants and housing employees can be vaccinated as well.

I will plan on posting another update on Thursday, December 31.

Sincerely,

**Scot Spates**