

COVID Update August 10, 2021

Dear Knutson Place Tenants and Family,

We were notified today that a tenant at Knutson Place tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. This tenant was having COVID symptoms, so he decided to get tested. This tenant was vaccinated.

The number of people in Freeborn County infected by the COVID virus is increasing significantly. This week, over 8% of the people tested have tested positive for the COVID virus. About a month ago, only about 3% of the people tested positive. This virus is spreading, so please take precautions to protect yourself and others.

- Wear a mask when you are out in public or indoors with other people
- Wash or sanitize your hands frequently throughout the day
- Practice physical distancing from others whenever possible.
- Monitor yourself for symptoms of the COVID virus.

In the event that you start having COVID symptoms such as a fever, sore throat, fatigue or chills, please call the Mayo COVID Line, or notify one of St. John's staff.

Until we get through one round of tenant testing for the COVID-19 virus, we will need to suspend family and friend visits at Knutson Place. These are the guidelines from the Minnesota Department of Health which we are required to follow. Essential Caregivers are still allowed to visit tenants.

Unfortunately, this pandemic is far from over. We all need to take every step possible to protect ourselves and each other from this virus as it spreads throughout Freeborn County, Minnesota, and our country. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and support, as we try to navigate our way through this pandemic. We all wish that this was over and behind us, but it's not. We will get through this, but in the meantime, we need to take measures to prevent the spread of this horrible virus. The best way to protect yourself from this virus is to get vaccinated. If you are not vaccinated, please consider getting vaccinated as soon as possible.

Sincerely,	
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