

September 9, 2021 COVID Update

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

On Tuesday, September 7, we tested nursing home residents, and employees at both St. John's locations. I'm happy to report that all resident tests came back negative for the COVID virus. Unfortunately, we had one employee at the Luther Place Nursing Home that tested positive for the COVID virus. Because of this, we will need to implement visitor restrictions at the Luther Place Nursing Home at this time. Essential Caregivers and compassionate care visits are still allowed.

Employee test results from Knutson Place, the Woodlands, the Meadows and Waters Edge all came back negative. Family and Friend visitors are allowed at all of these buildings. As a reminder, all visitors must be screened when entering the building, sanitize their hands, and wear a mask during the visit. Please do not visit if you are not feeling well.

The percentage of people testing positive for the COVID-19 virus is at 10% in Freeborn County. This positivity rate is considered high and reflects that the COVID virus is still spreading in Freeborn County. The county rate has been around 10% for the past two weeks. Hopefully, the county positivity rate will start coming down soon.

When the county positivity rate is at or above 10%, we test employees for the COVID virus twice a week. We tested employees again today, at both St. John's locations, and I'm very happy to report that all tests were negative for the COVID virus.

Our next testing date is this coming Monday, September 13. It usually takes about two full days to get test results back, so we should have all test results by late in the day on September 15.

Sincerely,

Scot Spates

