

October 22, 2020 COVID-19 Update

Dear Meadows Tenants and Families,

We were informed yesterday that one of the employees that works at the Meadows tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. The employee has been taken off of the schedule and is in guarantine for 14 days.

As has been reported in the news, this virus is still spreading. I would encourage everyone to continue to take precautions to protect yourself from this virus.

- Wear your mask when you leave your apartment
- Wash or sanitize your hands when you leave your apartment and when you return to your apartment
- Stay 6 feet away from others when you are out in public and visiting with others
- Disinfect high touch surfaces in your apartment frequently
- Notify Meadows staff or seek medical attention immediately if you are not feeling well

Based on information from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the COVID-19 virus will continue to spread throughout the winter months. We are also coming up on the influenza season, and this complicates things because the COVID-19 symptoms and the influenza symptoms are very similar. We all need to be diligent in taking precautions to protect ourselves and our family and friends from this virus during the upcoming winter months. Hopefully, we will have a vaccine for the COVID-19 virus in the next few months.

Visitors that are designated as Essential Caregivers are still able to make visits. Unfortunately, other family and friend visitors are not able to visit at this time. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) guidelines require us to suspend other family and friend visitors until we have gone 14 days without a tenant or employee testing positive for the COVID-19 virus. We just started up the family and friend visits, so it's disappointing that we have to suspend these visits so quickly.

Thank you for all of the precautions that you are taking to protect yourself and each other. It is very much appreciated!

God Bless!

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