



**TO: Mill Street Tenants & Family Members**  
**From: Mick Siems, Director**  
**DATE: July 29, 2020**  
**RE: COVID Response Update**

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Dear Mill Street Tenants & Family Members,

Please know that our priority remains to keep everyone safe and healthy and that we are doing everything we can to stop the spread of this virus within our setting. We have been working in collaboration with the Minnesota Department of Health and I am pleased to share that we were successful in moving up our Point Prevalence Survey testing date. Testing will take place today starting at 1:00pm.

So what is involved with Point Prevalence Survey (PPS) testing and what can be expected in the coming weeks? PPS testing involves a nasal swab with the specimen collected being sent away to a lab to be analyzed for detection of the COVID-19 virus. A minimum of three rounds of testing will take place with the 1<sup>st</sup> round being held today, the 2<sup>nd</sup> round on August 5<sup>th</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> round on August 12<sup>th</sup>. If we have no positive cases during the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> rounds the weekly testing of all tenants and staff will be discontinued. If there are any positive cases weekly testing will continue until we have two continuous weeks with no positive cases. At that point we will move to what is called surveillance testing which involves a random sampling of both tenants and staff being tested on a weekly basis. I expect that the surveillance testing will continue for an indefinite period of time.

As mentioned previously, we have cancelled communal dining and afternoon coffee with all meals being delivered to our tenants apartments, all activities have been cancelled along with beauty salon appointments and outside visits. Additionally, we have asked all tenants to remain in their apartments during this time to limit their interaction with others. Our plan is to continue with these steps until we receive the results back from our first round of testing. We expect those results back sometime early next week. At that time we'll evaluate and communicate if any (or all) of these restrictions can be lifted.

If you have any questions or concerns you are invited to contact either Krisjohn Veum (218-736-8594) or myself (218-736-8590). We will continue to update you on any important news and emerging issues.