



**TO:** Mill Street Tenants & Family Members  
**From:** Mick Siems, Director  
**DATE:** August 28, 2020  
**RE:** COVID Update

Dear Mill Street Tenants & Family Members,

Following our two weeks of clear Point Prevalence Testing, we held our latest round of random surveillance testing this week and I'm sorry to share that the results for one of our employees did come back positive. Fortunately, that person is doing well and is showing no signs or symptoms of COVID. The MN Department of Health requires that we do contact tracing to check on the status of anyone who may have come in direct contact with that employee for an extended period of time. As a result of this tracing, a second employee was found to be exhibiting symptoms so a rapid-COVID test was performed and those results also came back positive. Both employees will need to be off work for a minimum of 10 days per MDH guidelines.

Contact tracing also identified that six of our tenants had direct and extended contact with one or both of these employees. Each of these tenants has been placed under Enhanced Respiratory Precautions. This requires full PPE be donned by staff prior to entering their apartment. This precaution will remain in place for 14 days as we monitor for symptoms.

So where do we go from here? We are required to move back to weekly whole-house testing of both tenants and staff and to continue to do so until we have two continuous weeks of no positive results. From there we will return to weekly testing of staff along with a sampling of tenants.

While we had hoped to move toward opening up more visitation & activities, this will not be feasible for the near term. However, tenants are not being restricted to their apartments and we continue to urge them to get out and stretch their legs by walking the hallways or by taking short walks outside. We are offering some small group activities with appropriate social distancing and one-on-ones for those who could benefit. We will also continue to deliver all meals to tenants in their apartments.

Our website will continue to contain the latest situation updates and I will continue to provide you with developments on what our plan will be moving forward as we continue to monitor and adjust to current conditions.

Rest assured that the health and well-being of both our staff and our tenants is our highest priority. 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.