



TO: Mill Street Tenants & Family Members
From: Mick Siems, Director
DATE: November 16, 2020
RE: COVID Testing & Visitation Update

Dear Mill Street Tenants & Family Members,

COVID Testing within our building – Last week we completed whole-house testing for all staff and tenants. We are happy to announce that we were 100% negative. This is great news! We will continue to test everyone until we have 2 consecutive weeks of no positive test results. You are also welcome to visit our website (www.millstreet.org) to view our current situational update and COVID testing results plus updates on any important news and/or emerging issues.

Community Update in our County- As some of you may be aware our county COVID-19 positivity rate is on the rise. These higher rates of virus transmission in the community also increase our risk here for staff, tenants, and our essential caregivers. We continue to take tremendous efforts and precautions to keep your loved ones safe.

Visitation – Due to state regulations, we need to have two consecutive rounds of no positive test results before considering opening up to indoor visitation again. Our policy also states that we consider our community positivity rate as part of the re-opening process. We will err on the side of caution as we do not want this virus in our building. Thank you for your continued support and understanding. This has been such a difficult time and your patience and support is very much appreciated.

Essential Caregiver updates- As COVID cases rise locally, we are making some changes to our Essential Caregiver program. **To encourage as much testing as possible, we will be opening up our weekly testing at Mill Street to all Essential Caregivers.** Testing is available Mondays 4-5 pm and Tuesdays 9:30-10:30am, and we are happy to test any Essential Caregivers who are available during these times. To add individuals to our weekly testing, we require insurance information and a consent form to be completed. These forms are attached and need to be completed and returned to the front office by Thursday November 19th in order to be added for testing next week. If these times do not work for you, feel free to get tested on your own and have your results faxed (218-739-2192) or scanned and sent back to us. We encourage all Essential Caregivers to take part in our weekly testing. **At the very least we will require every other week testing in order for your visits to continue.** As we see

the COVID-19 positivity rate decrease in our community we will continue to adjust these requirements as we feel appropriate for the safety of our tenants.

The hours for Essential Caregiver visits are from 9:00am to 7:00pm most weekdays and from 9:00am to 5:00pm one weekend per month. Times are still available for **Thanksgiving Day, and this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 9-5 pm.** Pre-scheduling a visit is required by calling our main number (218-739-2900) or Jake is now available at 218-739-6827; **24 hours advance notice is preferred.** If you would like information about becoming an Essential Caregiver, please contact Tara (218-736-8558) for more details.

As always, the health and well-being of both our staff and our tenants continues to be our highest priority. If you have any questions or concerns, you are invited to contact me at 218-736-8590. Thank you!

Have a safe & happy Thanksgiving!