



TO: Mill Street Tenants & Family Members
From: Mick Siems, Director
DATE: November 23, 2020
RE: COVID Testing & Visitation Update

Dear Mill Street Tenants & Family Members,

The results from last week's testing are in and I'm happy to share that of the 106 samples that were tested (54 staff & 52 tenant) 105 of the results came back negative. Unfortunately, we did have one tenant result come back positive. That individual is asymptomatic (showing no symptoms) and has been moved to an apartment in our COVID wing. We will care for and monitor that person there until they are no longer contagious with hopes they continue to remain healthy and symptom-free.

So what does this mean moving forward? Our dining room was closed on Sunday with all meals being delivered. We took that opportunity to clean and sanitize the entire dining room. The often-touched spots of our hallways, elevators and seating areas on 1st, 2nd and 3rd floors and our basement were also cleaned and sanitized. The dining room reopened on Monday for breakfast and afternoon coffee with seating limited to one person per table. The noon and evening meals will be delivered to their individual apartments pending this week's testing results. The dining room will reopen for all three meals with two person per table dining once we have no active tenant cases in our building.

Whole-house testing of all staff and tenants will continue for the foreseeable future. All of our Essential Caregivers have been invited to take part in our weekly testing as well. Essential Caregiver visits are allowed to continue though inside visits that previously took place in our private dining room have been cancelled. Inside visits will resume once we have two continuous weeks of no positive test results and the positivity rate for COVID in our community declines below the allowable threshold as determined by the MN Department of Health.

Please do not take this recent test result as a setback. To date we've been very successful in keeping this virus out of our building and we will do our best to continue to do so. I appreciate your willingness to abide by the guidelines put in place over the past many, many months to help keep our tenants safe. Please continue to do what you can to take care of yourself and your family and know that we can and will get through this. If you have any questions or concerns you are welcome to reply back or call me at (218) 736-8590. Thank you so much!