

July 15, 2020

Dear Residents and Families,

The corona virus continues to spread rapidly throughout the United States. In the last month, the gating criteria measuring progress in Wisconsin moved from mostly positive to predominantly negative. Milwaukee County cases are on an upward trajectory. The City posts data weekly, on Thursdays; last week cases had declined. Despite this discouraging news, Saint John's remains free of COVID-19. Again, and I cannot say this enough, I am deeply grateful for your continued vigilance; your efforts are instrumental in protecting not only yourself but all those with whom you come in contact.

Monday, the Milwaukee Common Council unanimously approved an ordinance requiring people to wear masks in public. The order, effective Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, requires masks to be worn in public places at all times when indoors and outdoors when 6-foot social distancing cannot be maintained. If you are leaving campus, remember to take a mask with you. Businesses are responsible for enforcement and can be fined for violation; without a mask you may likely be refused entry.

Mask use will continue at Saint John's, both inside in public areas and outside when physical distancing is not possible. Construction workers outside on the job site will not be required to wear masks, a decision arrived at in consultation with VJS Construction Services taking into consideration feedback from their team. Those individuals – concrete installers, iron workers, general laborers - do not perform work in our buildings. All persons entering our buildings are screened for COVID-19 symptoms and wear a mask.

Thank you for continuing to respect restrictions on visitors. You may visit with your friends and families outdoors, travel to their homes, or meet in a public place; if you choose to do so, please wear a mask, practice social distancing and wash your hands frequently. If you have an urgent need to meet with a trusted advisor and are unable to accomplish said meeting outside of Saint John's, please contact myself or Mary Milliren in order to make safe accommodations. Please do not compromise our safety or practices by circumventing protocols respected and relied upon by your fellow residents.

Lastly, continue to monitor your health. If you are feeling unwell, please call the Medical Resource Clinic (extension 6876) to report your symptoms; there is no charge to speak with a nurse. You may also have your temperature checked at any of the Resident Service desks from 7:00 am until 9:00 pm daily.

Be well,

Renée Anderson

**President & CEO**