

COVID Weekly

Goal: To prevent an outbreak of the virus at Saint John's while continuing to support resident and staff wellbeing.

LOOKING AHEAD



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What Our Experts Say

On March 11, 68% of our staff and 99% of our Tower residents will have received at least their first doses of the COVID vaccine. Milwaukee County's test positivity rate, currently 3.0%, continues to decline and the vaccine is becoming more widely available. As a result, we are relaxing our visitation guidelines while still following key COVID precautions.

Effective March 26, residents are welcome to invite 2 visitors over the age of 12 into their apartments daily; consequently, the authorized visitor list will be suspended. Visitors will be required to complete a Visitor Screen form located in

the vestibules before entering the lobby. They will hand the form to the Resident Service Specialist, have their temperature taken and receive a copy of the post-visit guidelines. Visitors must use hand-sanitizer before leaving the desk and must remain in the apartment for the duration of the visit, limiting contact with other residents. While visiting with your guests, we continue to request masks are worn and social distancing guidelines are followed. Thank you for your patience during a very long past year, enjoy spending quality time with your family and friends in your apartments.



This week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention revised guidelines for people who are fully vaccinated against the coronavirus. Those who have received both vaccinations can gather privately in small groups without masks or physical distancing 2 weeks after receiving their second dose. People who are fully immunized should continue to wear masks and keep their distance from others in public or while visiting unvaccinated people at higher risk for severe cases of Covid-19.

People who are fully vaccinated against the virus can visit with unvaccinated members of a single household without wearing masks or maintaining social distancing as long as everyone in that household is at low risk for severe cases of COVID-19. If the unvaccinated people come from multiple households, the CDC said, everyone should take precautions such as meeting outside, wearing masks, and maintaining at least six feet of distance. The agency said all people should avoid bigger gatherings for now.

Developed by a group of residents and leadership. Feedback? Suggestions? Contact Renée @ 414-831-6880 or RAnderson@SaintJohnsMilw.org



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The last twelve months have tested our patience, drained our reserves and pushed us beyond what we thought we were capable of enduring. Tomorrow we purchase our ticket to freedom - the second vaccine! Similar to the slow unfolding of our comparably exigent construction project, our continued re-opening will come in milestones achieved through continued demonstration of our success and that of the greater community. Please bear in mind protocols for the care neighborhoods of Windsor, Stratford and Canterbury will likely be different than those for the Towers. Further, changes in guidance, resident health and community results will influence our practices. We will do our best to keep you informed in a timely manner. However, the situation is likely to remain fluid for quite some time.

Thank you, and congratulations on nearing the end of this long, dark journey.