

COVID Case Update

There are no new resident or employee cases to report. Both employees who had been impacted by a COVID-19 infection have recovered and returned to work.

Visitors

As a reminder, all visits must occur only in resident apartments or in outdoor spaces, such as the Plaza. Visitors and guests may not accompany residents to events or use common areas, unless those events are held outdoors. Visitors may not partake in in-person dining in Taylor's, the Bistro, or the Care Neighborhood dining rooms. All visitors to Saint John's must be always masked and observe proper social distancing. We are discouraging residents from having large groups visiting in their apartments.

Visitors to Windsor, Canterbury, and Stratford must always wear a surgical mask (not cloth) and visit only in resident rooms. Visitors may not accompany residents to events in the Care Neighborhoods. To remain properly distanced in a resident room, we strongly encourage limiting visitors to two at any time.

Residents

In accordance with new CDC guidelines, and given the spread of the Delta variant, we strongly advise all residents to wear face coverings while outside their apartments. Should any resident come into contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19, the CDC recommends testing 3-5 days following contact. Testing can be completed in the Wellness Center at Saint John's.

Booster Vaccination

Formal guidance has not yet been published by the CDC on the need for booster vaccination. As far as we know, for the general population boosters are recommended 8 months after receipt of the 2nd dose. Tower residents who received their vaccines at Saint John's would be eligible for a booster in mid-November.

We have been in preliminary contact with Walgreen's and have set tentative plans to conduct large-scale vaccination clinics if, or when, booster vaccinations are recommended. Immunocompromised individuals seeking a booster immediately should contact their health care provider for specific guidance. We do not anticipate vaccine shortages for the boosters.

Residents should get a flu shot either at Saint John's in our September clinics or on their own. Individuals need to be vaccine free for 2 weeks before receiving a COVID booster.

Vaccine Mandate

In the past week, President Biden announced a mandate that would impact nursing homes and, to our delight, the Pfizer vaccine receive full FDA approval. Saint John's continues to engage with all stakeholders, especially our employees, regarding the potential implementation of a vaccine mandate. This week, we are hosting all-employee meetings to discuss all the factors influencing a potential mandate for Saint John's employees.

Questions?

The weekly COVID Updates are produced by Saint John's COVID Response Team. If you have a question for the team, please contact Matt Loyd, COO, at (414) 831 – 6953 or mloyd@saintjohnsmilw.org.