It seems apparent that Milwaukee is entering a third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, as the number of cases and positivity rate are increasing at a pace not seen for more than six months.

The vaccination of nearly all residents and most employees has made us stronger, yet we acknowledge the reality of breakthrough cases. Our experiences with the pandemic have made us wiser in balancing safety and freedom, yet we must all prepare for ongoing sacrifices to our quality of life. Please continue to offer each other grace as we move through these uncharted, stormy seas.

COVID Case Update

Thankfully, there are no new cases of COVID-19 among residents or staff.

Last week, we reported there had been one resident breakthrough case. That individual continues to recover at home and is feeling better, though not quite yet 100%. No one with whom they came into contact has reported signs or symptoms. Some chose to be tested; all results were negative.

<u>Visitors</u>

All visits must occur only in resident apartments. Visitors and guests should not accompany residents to events or use common areas. 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 strongly discouraging residents from having large groups of visitors in their apartments.

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

Residents

In accordance with new CDC guidelines, we strongly encourage all residents to wear face coverings while outside their apartments.

Employees

Saint John's is now requiring that all employees either be vaccinated or submit to routine testing. We continue to encourage vaccination and are investigating mandates. Our dedication to resident safety is matched only by our respect for the autonomy of every member of our community.

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.