

COVID Case Update

We have learned of two employees who developed symptoms late last week and subsequently tested positive for COVID-19. Neither employee has worked since prior to developing symptoms. Both work in Stratford, however, there is no evidence that the two cases are related. All other Stratford employees and all residents of Stratford were immediately tested; no other individuals are positive, nor is any other individual showing any symptoms of illness.

As a precautionary measure, we have placed Stratford in quarantine and suspended in-room visitation until at least September 18. We will conduct two more rounds of testing of all Stratford employees and residents between now and the 18th.

Four additional Saint John's employees have reported contact with an affected person but are not themselves symptomatic of illness. As always, we are following the CDC return-to-work criteria for determining when it is safe for them to resume their duties.

Doors Open Milwaukee

We had planned to resume participation in Historic Milwaukee's Doors Open, scheduled for September 25 – 26. However, due to the continued elevated risk of COVID-19 and our corresponding visitor guidelines, we have elected not to participate. Thanks to all who had volunteered to assist with the event – we hope to rejoin next year!

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 and Canterbury must always wear a surgical mask (not cloth) and visit only in resident rooms. Stratford visits will occur in the Stratford conference room while the neighborhood is in quarantine. 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.

Booster Vaccination

Formal guidance has not yet been published by the CDC on the need for booster vaccination. 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. While we wait for guidance, we would advise all residents to ensure you know the location of the vaccination card you received when vaccinated this spring. Booster shots will be recorded on this same card. If you have laminated the card, don't worry – the additional sticker will be able to adhere to the lamination.

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.