

Employee Vaccination Mandate

On September 24, Saint John's announced a mandate requiring employees to be fully vaccinated no later than November 15. This policy applies to all employees, including those classified as temporary workers and independent contractors, as well as all students, interns, and volunteers. As a result, we expect soon to have an uptick in vaccination, as some unvaccinated employees chose to receive their first vaccination in the days following the mandate!

For those residents who employ third-party providers or caregivers in your apartment, we are currently revising our Outside Provider policy. Please be aware we will soon be including COVID vaccination as a requirement for all Outside Providers who routinely work on the Saint John's campus.

Booster Shots

To recap, the FDA has amended the Emergency Use Authorization of the **Pfizer** vaccine to allow for a booster shot for those people 65 and older, people at high risk of severe disease and people whose jobs put them at risk of infection. There continues to be no recommendation for boosters for the **Moderna** vaccine – which Saint John's utilized in our vaccination clinics held in January, February, and March of this year. When, or if, Moderna boosters are recommended we will hold vaccination clinics.

If you received the Pfizer vaccine, or if you are immunocompromised, and wish to explore receiving a booster shot at this time, we recommend you contact your health care provider.

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. Please note visitors may pick up to-go meals from the Bistro; the restriction only applies to in-person dining. 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, Stratford, and Canterbury must always wear a surgical mask and visit only outdoors or in resident rooms. To remain properly distanced in a resident room, we encourage limiting visitors to two at any time.

Residents of Saint John's are welcome to attend LifeStreams events and gatherings in the Towers or Neighborhoods. Visitors who do not live at Saint Johns may not accompany residents to events. It is permissible for paid, medically necessary care providers (such as companions) to attend events with residents. However, we ask that those care providers either be vaccinated or submit to routine testing.

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.