With the holiday season upon us and the blessing of additional visitors, please be sure you are monitoring yourself for symptoms of illness and remind visitors to suspend visiting if they have symptoms.

We're Boosted!

This past Wednesday, **215** individuals received a booster vaccination! Special thanks go to Dorie Petitt and her team for coordinating the efforts of the Walgreens pharmacists and the Saint John's staff. The assembled team worked together so well that the vaccinations were administered at the rate of approximately one per minute!

Saint John's strongly recommends that all residents and employees receive a booster vaccination. If you have not yet received your 3rd shot, we encourage you to reach out to your health care provider or pharmacy to schedule your vaccination as soon as possible.

Employee Tests Positive

A fully vaccinated employee has tested positive for COVID-19. This individual last worked on Thursday, December 9. The employee developed mild symptoms the following day and a COVID test confirmed the diagnosis on December 14. Saint John's immediately contacted all residents and employees who may have had contact with the affected individual. Testing completed on December 15 revealed no additional infections.

Mask Guidance

Saint John's is recommending all residents wear masks while in indoor public areas, including while attending LifeStreams events, unless you are actively eating or drinking.

<u>Visitors</u>

There have been no recent changes to our visitor guidelines.

As a reminder, all visits must occur only in resident apartments or in outdoor spaces. <u>Visitors and guests may not accompany residents to events or use indoor common areas.</u> Visitors may not partake in inperson 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 of outside guests visiting in their apartments.

Residents of Saint John's are welcome to attend LifeStreams events and gatherings in the Towers or Neighborhoods. <u>Visitors who do not live at Saint Johns may not accompany residents to events.</u> It is permissible for paid, medically necessary care providers (such as companions) to attend events with residents.

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.