

Current COVID-Positive Cases

This past week, a resident from Canterbury was sent to the hospital for a condition unrelated to COVID. Once there, as part of the hospital's standard process, the resident received a COVID test and that test came back *positive*. A second test came back *negative*. The resident is recovering from the unrelated health concern and we expect them to return to Canterbury soon. Most likely, they will complete their quarantine period while still in the hospital. As a precaution, we have tested all Canterbury residents and employees and no other person tested positive.

Beyond that case, no other residents or employees tested positive in the last week. There are currently no active cases on campus!

We continue to be vigilant and are monitoring individuals who have had contact with people known to be positive. Although Milwaukee County's rates keep falling (another sharp 50% decrease this week), the risk of community transmission is still high. Please remember we offer testing to any resident who is experiencing symptoms or has had contact with a person known to be COVID-positive. Testing is available in the Wellness Center, call 414-831-6876 for an appointment.

Return of In-Person Gatherings and Dining

It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying events, gatherings, and the Bistro yesterday! It was especially encouraging to see so many residents and employees using the Bistro for lunch. It had just looked empty without the seating throughout the Bistro and Gallery; yesterday it looked and sounded full of life and love.

Milwaukee Mask Mandate

The city of Milwaukee enacted a mask mandate that is set to run through March 1. While Saint John's campus is not a "public building" subject to the ordinance, we are choosing to follow the same guidance. It is our expectation that all persons – residents, employees, and guests alike – mask up when in any of the common spaces such as corridors, elevators, and meeting rooms. Masks are also required in the Bistro and Taylor's – except when eating or drinking. We greatly appreciate your compliance as we have observed excellent masking across the community.

Guests & Visitors

No changes to our visitor guidelines this week. As a reminder, all visits must occur only in resident apartments. Visitors and guests may 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. Once community COVID transmission drops to safer levels, we will reconsider the restriction on in-person dining. Please note visitors may pick up to-go meals from the Bistro or Taylor's; the restriction only applies to in-person dining. All visitors to Saint John's must be always masked. We are discouraging residents from having large groups visiting in their apartments.

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.