

## **There are no current COVID cases on campus!**

As you will also see on the accompanying statistics, Milwaukee County has entered “Substantial” transmission for the first time since the new rating system began use. Substantial is one level better from “High.”

Even though risk of transmission is falling, please remember we do 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 (414-831-6876).

## **Guests Welcome at Events Starting Tuesday**

We are preparing to welcome visitors and guests to attend LifeStreams events and use common areas starting March 1. We are very excited to see yet another step toward ‘normal!’ Guests will need to always wear a mask during the event (see below). As a reminder, you will need to reserve space at LifeStreams events for your guests in advance on TouchTown.

This does NOT include events or common spaces where masking is impossible or unlikely, such as use of the Fitness Center or Pool. We also are not quite ready to welcome guests or visitors to join us for in-person dining in Taylor’s or the Bistro.

## **Masking Guidelines to Change Starting Tuesday**

We have been choosing to follow Milwaukee’s mask mandate for “public” buildings, which expires on March 1. Starting next Tuesday, we will modify our mask use expectations:

- **Residents** are strongly encouraged to wear masks when moving throughout the campus in corridors, elevators, and common spaces. However, all events and gatherings will be mask optional for residents.
- **Employees** will always wear masks when interacting with residents. However, employee-only meetings and office areas will be mask optional.
- **Guests** will always wear masks in all public and common areas of campus.

The best mask is a properly fitted one that covers both your mouth and nose. The KN95 masks that have become more common in the past few weeks are an excellent choice, but doubling up a surgical mask, or even wearing a cloth mask over a surgical mask are suitable alternatives.

## **Guests & Visitors**

As a reminder, until March 1, all visits must occur only in resident apartments. Visitors and guests may not currently 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](mailto:mloyd@saintjohnsmilw.org).