

## COVID+ Residents and Employees

Two weeks ago, we reported an increase of virus activity in Milwaukee, and on our campus. At that time, there had been two employees and one resident who had tested positive for COVID during the month of April. **Since that report, an additional nine residents of our Towers community and seven employees have tested positive.**

Thankfully, all affected have experienced cold- or flu-like symptoms and are recovering at home. Also, none of the affected persons live or work in the Care Neighborhoods. There are no apparent trends between those affected; at this time, we have no evidence of on-campus transmission. However, we are currently tracking many residents who may have been potentially exposed prior to an affected person’s awareness of their illness.

## What if You are Exposed?

First, there is no need to panic. The vaccinations appear to be doing exactly what they were designed to do: reduce the risk of severe health complications.

Please alert the staff in the Wellness Center. They can offer a test five days after your exposure. Tests done immediately after exposure are certain to produce inaccurate results; it’s important to wait until viral activity can reasonably be detected. In the meantime, increase your handwashing routine and reduce contact with others as much as possible. If you do enter the public spaces of campus, please always wear a face mask and distance yourself from those around you.

## Updated Face Mask Guidance

Given the number of recent cases, we believe it is best for all residents to wear face masks whenever in campus common areas – including events and activities. Officially, we have made no change to our requirements so face mask use remains optional. However, **we urge you to choose to wear one whenever you are interacting with others.** It can mean the difference between being exposed or not.

Employees will always wear masks when interacting with residents. Guests will always wear masks in all common areas of campus.

## Saint John's COVID Case Update

	March 2020 - April 2022		New cases May 2022		Total Cases as of 5/11/2022		Vaccination Status
	Cases	Fatalities	Cases	Fatalities	Cases	Fatalities	
<b>Residents:</b>							
Towers	21	0	8	0	29	0	
Canterbury	2	1	0	0	2	1	
Stratford	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Windsor	13	3	0	0	13	3	
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>99.2%</b>
<b>Employees:</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Questions?

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