



Bethany St. Joseph Corporation Community Services

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Dear Tenants:

I hope this finds you well! I want to share the measures we are taking to address the COVID-19 Pandemic. Our staff are working diligently to put proactive measures into place to avoid an outbreak in our communities.

The best defense against this virus are things we can each control, such as:

1. Frequent handwashing and use of hand sanitizer
2. Covering coughs and sneezes with tissue and throwing the tissue away immediately. (Wash hands or sanitize immediately after)
3. Maintaining 3 – 6' social distance from others as you are able
4. Avoiding touching your face
5. Staying home

Reported symptoms of COVID-19 have not been the typical influenza-like symptoms (sudden onset of fever or cough). Instead it has been an acute shortness of breath with fever and cough. If you should develop symptoms, notify staff.

Additionally, if you or persons you have been in contact with during the past 14 days have traveled internationally or to a state/county with sustained community transmission, please notify the staff.

While we recognize this may not be a popular decision, in accordance with the recommendation of the WI Dept. of Human Services, **we are prohibiting visitors until further notice**. Exceptions for medically necessary support may be granted provided the individual meets the following criteria:

1. No signs or symptoms of respiratory infection such as fever, cough, shortness of breath or sore throat.
2. No contact in the last 14 days with someone with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis, or under investigation for COVID-19, or all ill with respiratory illness
3. No international travel within the last 14 days to countries with sustained community transmission.
4. Does not reside in a community where community-based spread of COVID-19 is occurring.

We anticipate this situation, and our response, will continue to evolve. Please check our website at www.bsjcorp.com for updates. If you have questions, please discuss them with your community director.

Well wishes,

Karen Sepich
Community Services Administrator

c. 1st Emergency Contact

ADULT DAY CARE

MERIT Centre North - La Crosse
MERIT Centre South - La Crosse

ASSISTED LIVING

Laurel Manor - Onalaska
Mill St. Manor - West Salem
Prairie Home - Holmen
Salem Terrace - West Salem
Shelby Terrace - La Crosse

INDEPENDENT SENIOR HOUSING

Mill St. Manor - West Salem
OnaMain - Onalaska
OnaTerrace - Onalaska
Prairie Home - Holmen
Salem Terrace - West Salem
Welcome Home - La Crosse
Windsor Place - La Crosse