



**Northfield
Retirement Community**
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July 10, 2020

We appreciate all of the support, prayers, and offers of help that we've received. To keep you up-to-date on our efforts to keep NRC residents and staff safe, we will send out this update as things change in our community:

- **Our COVID-19 situation:** We have no positive cases of COVID-19 among residents and staff across campus at this time.
- **COVID-19 Testing at NRC:** The fourth round of testing for the COVID-19 virus has been completed here at NRC. Our testing which took place on 7/6 and 7/7 among residents and staff that live or work in the Care Center and Cannon Valley Suites has shown no positive results of COVID-19. Beginning Monday, July 13th, Northfield Retirement Community will launch the next phase of testing efforts to continue keeping our community as safe as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic. In this phase of testing, we will be testing residents and staff that live or work in Parkview East, Evergreen Lodge, Northwood Pines and Southview Suites. Residents of these settings will be tested weekly on the following dates: July 13th, July 20th, and July 27th.
- **State of MN Update:** As of today, the Minnesota Department of Health issued updated guidance regarding visitation within care facilities for Essential Caregivers. At Northfield Retirement Community, we understand how vital it is for families and loved ones to reconnect in person. We also must prioritize the safety of our community during the evolving and changing circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. We are proud of how well our residents and their families have responded during these difficult circumstances to keep our community as safe as possible.

We are currently working on developing our own policies and procedures, as aligned with recommendations from the Minnesota Department of Health, regarding Essential Caregivers and will share updates with our extended community as soon as these are finalized. As indicated by the Department of Health, we will publish our strategy no later than Wednesday, July 22. Your ongoing patience and support is greatly appreciated.

- **Northwoods Salon:** A date for re-opening the Northwoods Salon remains to be determined. Watch for updates.
- **Outdoor Visitation:** Outdoor Visitation stations are now open for scheduled visits. Requests can now be made on our website by visiting the following link: <https://northfieldretirement.org/video-conference-request>
Thank you for your patience and support on these efforts along the way. Zoom chats, window visits, phone and email connections continue as options to keep residents and loved ones connected.

Living SAFER: Help us keep everyone in our community healthy! It is more important than ever that we protect those most at risk, support workers, and all do our part to slow the spread of the virus.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your face, nose, and eyes
- Maintain social distance
- Wear a mask
- Stay within your living space as much as possible
- Spending time outdoors is encouraged as long as 6 feet of distance from others is maintained