



**Northfield
Retirement Community**
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COVID-19 UPDATE



July 17, 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 currently have no positive cases of COVID-19 among residents or staff across NRC.
- **COVID-19 Testing at NRC:** We are pleased to announce the first round of test results for Parkview East, Evergreen Lodge, Northwood Pines and Southview Suites, residents and employees have all come back negative for COVID-19. Next Monday and Tuesday we will complete round two for testing of these same individuals.
- **State of MN Update:** Last week the Minnesota Department of Health issued updated guidance regarding visits within care facilities for Essential Caregivers. At Northfield Retirement Community, we are 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. We will publish our strategy by July 25th.
- Word has been received from the Department of Health and Human Services that all nursing homes across the country will be receiving new "point of care" testing machines in the next four weeks, that will enable facilities to have rapid testing and provide results in a more timely manner.

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