September 24, 2020

Dear King resident, friends, and family:

As you are aware, we began another round of universal testing for staff and members for COVID-19 here at King on September 21, 2020. We continue to receive results from those tests as well as other tests that staff have taken in the community.

Again, unfortunately, I write today to report that additional members and staff have tested positive for the coronavirus. Three members from Olson Hall (all symptomatic) and one staff person who works in a non-member area have tested positive for COVID-19. This means that currently, there are five members with coronavirus. Sadly, a member who had been previously diagnosed with COVID-19 but had completed quarantine has now passed.

As always, members who test positive are quarantined and cared for by staff who have been trained in infectious disease control wearing the appropriate personal protective equipment. Staff are not allowed to return to work until completing quarantine.

We remain very concerned about the rising number of cases of COVID-19 in the state. Every county in the state is reporting high or very high COVID-19 activity and the state seven-day average of COVID-19 cases increased to 1,889 yesterday, which is the highest it has ever been.

Our essential workers remain at risk while out in the communities. The only way we can prevent our members from getting this virus is to help keep those essential workers healthy. In addition to staying home when you can, and mask wearing when out, please keep up your good, safe practices of hand washing and social distancing. By protecting ourselves, we also protect the people around us.

If you have any questions, I am happy to address them.

Sincerely,

Tammy Servatius, Commandant