



February 16, 2021

Dear Smith Crossing Family,

I have shared residents' accolades with our team of staff members about their "positive" experiences during our first week of reopening dining rooms and other places as well as programs for them. We are grateful to and value the role each person plays as we renew our way of life at Smith Crossing.

Our big news for this week is that all residents now can enjoy indoor visits. I have shared the highlights on our new plan and ask you to review the details in *Guidelines for Visitors*, authorized by health agencies, posted on Smith Crossing's website so you know how to schedule visits with residents.

As we progress through a series of incremental changes, please stay true to our course of action which helps protect each of us from the virus.

***Our third clinic confirmed for Thursday, February 18***

Between 9:30 and 10:45am in the Main Dining Room, Walgreens will conduct our final clinic to administer the second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine to the 94 residents and staff members who received their first dose on January 28.

We are grateful to the close to 500 people who decided to participate in our clinics. And we thank Walgreens' team of pharmacists and technicians as well as our nurses and support staff for their superb job.

Thursday also is our Smith Spirit Wear Day, another way to express we are Smith Crossing strong!

***Guidelines for indoor visits***

All residents and their families now can enjoy indoor visits. Two visitors, who are from the same household, can plan scheduled visits with residents in our healthcare settings in the booths near the assisted living Dining Room.

Independent living residents continue to welcome their guests into their homes after visitors are screened by the Receptionist.

Please comply with our requirement to wear a mask at all times and to observe social distancing. A complete list of precautions are posted on our website.

***Activities and programs for residents***

On Ash Wednesday starting at 11am, Father Burke will lead independent living residents in a prayer service in Community Hall. This service also will be aired at 11am on Channel 36. After the prayer service, independent living residents, who do not attend the gathering in Community Hall, can receive ashes in elevator lobby on their floor.



Also on Ash Wednesday starting at 9:15am, Father Burke will distribute ashes to residents in assisted living and memory care. At 1pm, he will visit skilled nursing care and rehab residents in doorway of their room.

Residents in all areas of our community are encouraged to sign-up for more in-person groups with 10 or fewer residents. Everyone is reminded, even with so many people vaccinated, to observe all the precautions we take to protect ourselves and each other from the virus.

Channels 36 and 95 also offer a variety of fitness, entertainment and movies to enjoy.

Independent living residents, please mark your calendar for Friday, February 26, when Happy Hour reconvenes at three stations in Community Hall, the Great Room and The Oak Room.

### ***Test results and updates***

During the week of February 8, we conducted 145 tests including 140 for employees and five for third-party providers. As of today, our lab reports for two people are pending and all other results were confirmed negative.

Once a week testing for staff members is today between 1 and 4pm in the Bistro. Testing for residents in our healthcare settings now has moved to monthly. Next Tuesday, I will announce the schedule for their next test.

One resident, who was hospitalized, has returned to Smith Crossing. This person and two other residents, who are making progress, are recuperating in our COVID-19 unit.

### ***In closing***

As the incidences of new cases of COVID-19 decrease, we are no longer reporting daily results publicized in the media. We have shifted our focus to renewing the pleasures of daily life for everyone at Smith Crossing.

Send your questions to [COVID19SmithCrossing@SmithSeniorLiving.org](mailto:COVID19SmithCrossing@SmithSeniorLiving.org), so a staff member can respond quickly and directly to you. And use this channel of communication to share your suggestions as we reopen more places and programs in our community.

Sincerely,

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