



February 23, 2021

Dear Smith Crossing Family,

I am very pleased and grateful to announce that there are no cases of COVID-19 in our community.

With Illinois' lowest positivity rate since last July 2020, we continue to expand ways for residents to enjoy spending time with each other and with their families. All of our current plans are guided by the fact there are no new cases of COVID-19 at Smith Crossing. If a new case occurs, we may have to scale back our plans.

While we await additional direction from the Illinois and Will County Departments of Public Health, please stay true to our course of action which helps protect each of us from the virus.

And join me in thanking the 80 people who received their second dose of Pfizer-BioNTech at our final clinic last week for doing their part to protect everyone at Smith Crossing.

Guidelines for indoor visits

We are delighted to see how residents and their families are spending time together now that everyone can enjoy indoor visits. Please comply with our requirements to wear a mask at all times and to observe social distancing. A complete list of required COVID-19 safety protocols and precautions are posted on our website.

We are gratified to learn so many family members already are fully vaccinated. Still, even though residents and family members have this added protection, everyone still must comply with all our precautions to mitigate the spread of the virus.

Activities and programs for residents

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



We also are planning ways to accommodate more residents for events in Community Hall and Smith U. In addition, we are modifying our reservation system and will begin to seat four people at a table in the Dining Room for independent living residents. I will share more details next Tuesday.

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

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

Test results and recovery updates

On Tuesday, February 16, we administered tests to 116 staff members and all have received negative results. Today, we continue our weekly testing protocol for all employees.

Monthly testing for residents in our healthcare settings—now monthly—is scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month, starting with March 2.

All three residents, who were recuperating in our COVID-19 unit, are now discharged as they continue to recover.

Time of transition

While the number of cases in Illinois decrease, our nation honors the memory of the 500,000 people who have died as a result of contracting the virus. This is another reason we are proceeding with caution as we reopen more programs and places for everyone at Smith Crossing.

We welcome your suggestions and questions. Will you please send them to COVID19SmithCrossing@SmithSeniorLiving.org so a staff member can respond quickly and directly to you?

Please continue to enjoy more and more of what Smith Crossing offers.

Very truly yours,

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