



April 27, 2021

Dear Smith Crossing Family,

The spirit of our Smith Crossing community is buoyed as so many family and friends visit here. With the arrival of springtime weather and our lawn furniture in place, please consider visiting outside on our beautiful campus.

Every day between 10am and 7pm, residents welcome guests in their independent living apartments and villas and in their assisted living apartments. TCU and rehab residents also invite guests to visit in their rooms. And beginning on Wednesday, April 28, skilled nursing care residents can do so too. Because they do change, please review the *Guidelines for Visitors* posted on our website.

The only exception to Smith Crossing's visitation policy applies to newly admitted short-term stay rehab residents who are not vaccinated. When they arrive from the hospital, they will be quarantined for 14 days. For their first two weeks in Greenleaf Rehab, these residents only can plan window visits.

All visits should be planned directly by residents with their family and friends. Smith Crossing's receptionists still conduct screenings when guests arrive. All visitors should go directly to their destination and not spend any time in common areas. For those who want to plan a virtual visit, contact Mary DePaola at [MDePaola@smithseniorliving.org](mailto:MDePaola@smithseniorliving.org) or 708-326-2305.

Thanks to your cooperation with following Smith Crossing's best practices to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 here, we have lifted so many restrictions. We encourage you to employ these new habits when you are not here too.

### ***Testing, vaccinations and progress report***

*Very good news:* We are grateful to report that as of this Wednesday, Smith Crossing is once again free of COVID-19.

This afternoon, we tested all employees and will continue a weekly schedule for them at the direction of the Will County Department of Public Health. On Wednesday, we will conduct testing for residents in our healthcare settings. If all receive negative outcomes, Smith Crossing moves to a monthly test schedule for them. If an independent living resident wants be tested, contact me at 708-326-2326 or [AMauceri@SmithSeniorLiving.org](mailto:AMauceri@SmithSeniorLiving.org).



I am pleased to report that each week as many as 15 people—residents, staff members and volunteers—are taking advantage of being vaccinated when nurse practitioner Kelly Canerday, FPN, BC is here from 4 until 7pm on Wednesdays. Contact me to register.

Even one occurrence of someone contracting the virus, however, requires us to temporarily adjust some aspects of daily life in the area of our community where people may have been exposed to the virus.

### ***Mother's Day festivities***

Our dining services team is preparing delicious ways to celebrate here on Sunday, May 9. Later this week, residents will receive plans and menus for that weekend. Each resident can invite two guests from the same household.

At 1pm on Wednesday, May 5, tune-in for my *Live Update* which airs on our in-house TV Channel 36. Then, I look forward to sharing good news about additions to our Smith Crossing team and reviewing plans for Mother's Day.

Send your questions to [COVID19SmithCrossing@SmithSeniorLiving.org](mailto:COVID19SmithCrossing@SmithSeniorLiving.org) so a staff member can respond directly to you. As we strive to balance reopening our community with adhering to ways to mitigate the spread of the virus, we welcome your suggestions.

Very truly yours,

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