



May 11, 2021

Dear Smith Crossing Family,

It was so joyful to see Mothers, Grandmothers and Great-Grandmothers gather here during a delicious brunch with their beloved families!

Now, I am pleased to announce that independent living residents can host two guests for dinner from Monday through Saturday in our main dining room. Residents should make these reservations by calling extension 2320.

Take advantage of this opportunity to meet Jason Ison, Smith Crossing's new executive chef. He brings 20 years of experience working in some of the finest restaurants, hotels and resorts as well as his most recent position when he served for six years as a regional executive chef for Morrison Living.

Every day between 10am and 8pm, all residents can welcome guests in their homes here. These visits should be planned by residents with their family and friends. Because they sometimes change, please review the *Guidelines for Visitors* posted on our website.

We also encourage residents and their guests to enjoy our beautiful campus by opting to visit in one of our courtyards or patios. For your comfort, lawn furniture is set in these areas.

The only exception to our visitation policy applies to newly admitted short-term stay rehab residents *who are not vaccinated*. Upon admission, they will be quarantined for 14 days and only can plan window visits.

For others who want to plan a virtual visit, please contact Mary DePaola at 708-326-2305 or MDePaola@smithseniorliving.org.

Smith Crossing's receptionists still conduct screenings when guests arrive. All visitors should go directly to their destination, not spend any time in common areas. Everyone should wear a mask when on our campus, even when visiting in a residence.

Testing, vaccinations and progress report

Following the guidelines of the Will County and Illinois Departments of Public Health, we continue to administer weekly tests for staff members on Tuesday. Residents who live in our healthcare settings will be tested again on Tuesday, May 25.



Please remember even one occurrence of someone contracting COVID-19 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.

Every Wednesday, residents, staff members and volunteers are taking advantage of being vaccinated when our nurse practitioner from Saint Xavier University's Health Clinic is here from 4 until 7pm. Make an appointment by contacting me at 708-326-2326 or AMauceri@SmithSeniorLiving.org.

More ways to be together return

At 1pm on Wednesday, May 19, tune-in for my *Live Update* which airs on our in-house TV Channel 36. Then, you will learn more about our plan for next week when Smith Crossing launches its own cruise ship to visit a variety of destinations that inspire daily menus and activities.

This Wednesday, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, concludes National Nurses Week. So if you have not already done so, please take a moment to thank nurses who have helped you during these last 14 months.

We value your suggestions and want to respond directly to you to answer questions. Send yours to COVID19SmithCrossing@SmithSeniorLiving.org.

Thank you for your cooperation by following our best practices to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 here.

Very truly yours,

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