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Dear Smith Crossing Family,

We have reached a watershed moment in our collective response to the threat of COVID-19. Due to the significant decrease in cases, we can rescind restrictions initially designed to protect everyone who lives, works and visits here.

There are many more ways to enjoy being together these days.

- Every day between 10am and 8pm, all residents can welcome guests in their home here. Residents should plan visits with their family and friends. Because they sometimes change, please review *Guidelines for Visitors* posted on our website.
- Residents' days are busier, with more group activities here and trips to shopping and entertainment destinations.
- Our Dining Services team is organizing private parties for celebrations, current and missed, on our patio.
- Independent living residents may invite two guests for dinner in the dining room or Bistro.
- Entertainers are once again performing on our campus.

Smith Crossing continues to be vigilant.

- All employees, who are not vaccinated, are tested every Tuesday.
- Assisted living, memory care, rehab and skilled nursing care residents, who are not vaccinated, are tested today. Currently, these residents are being tested once a month.
- All staff members and third-party providers will continue to wear a mask at all times.

If you have not already done so, we encourage residents and employees to get vaccinated when a nurse practitioner is in our Healthcare Clinic, across from the Bistro, between 1 and 4pm on Wednesdays. Schedule your appointment by contacting me at 708-326-2326 or AMauceri@SmithSeniorLiving.org.

While we are making great strides rejuvenating daily life at Smith Crossing, we ask you to be prudent and considerate of others in all your actions and continue to take simple precautions against the virus. ►

We also remind you that residents' areas, other than independent living, are licensed by the Illinois Department of Public Health. So we must comply with IDPH guidelines as well as others issued by the Will County Department of Public Health. Some may differ from what is allowed in the broader community.

Send your questions to COVID19SmithCrossing@SmithSeniorLiving.org so a staff member can respond directly to you. As we revitalize our experience of being a community, we also welcome your suggestions.

This letter is our final regularly scheduled communication regarding COVID-19. Going forward, we will reach out to you if a specific need arises: to notify you if and when there is a new case of the virus in our community or to share major announcements about changes in our current practices for visiting residents.

We appreciate your cooperation by following our best practices guidelines so we remain Smith Crossing strong.

Very truly yours,

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