



December 22, 2020

Dear Smith Village Family,

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas at Smith Village! We hope you are enjoying the Christmas trees throughout our community as well as the lovely décor and how residents decorated their apartment doors to express their own holiday greetings.

This week we have planned some special experiences for

***Assisted living, memory care and skilled nursing care residents***

- Sipping hot chocolate while making decorations and listening to music today
- Receiving goodie bags delivered by our Life Enrichment team on Wednesday, December 23
- Watching a Christmas matinee and joining a sing-along on Christmas Eve

***Memory care and skilled nursing care residents***

- Opening gifts from staff members delivered by Santa himself

***Christmastime connections***

We understand how disappointing it is to forgo time together with family and friends. So, please take advantage of numerous ways to plan virtual meetings. For this year's holiday season, Smith Village continues to adhere to all Tier 3 guidelines, which remain in effect to protect everyone in our community.

**For Oakhaven assisted living residents**

- All outdoor and indoor visits are temporarily cancelled
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner are delivered to residents' apartments
- Life Enrichment activities are planned for residents so they can participate in the hallway outside their apartment while observing social distancing
- A greater variety of programs, including informative and entertaining broadcasts, now are available on Channel 36
- The Salon is closed

**For skilled nursing care residents**

- All meals are delivered to residents' rooms during the construction
- Families can schedule window and virtual visits with residents by contacting Lisa Madsen at LMadsen@SmithSeniorLiving.org
- The Salon is closed
- Other programs and services remain the same 

### **For independent living residents**

- Visitors to residents' apartments are limited to two people from the same household, who must be screened before they go directly to and from their destination
- Dinner is delivered to residents' apartments
- The Marketplace offers carryout for breakfast, lunch and dinner
- The Oak Room, Dining Room and Salon are closed
- Select small group activities now limited to six or fewer people, with social distancing and other precautions, are planned, but others including fitness classes are suspended

To improve airflow, all residents can set their apartment's thermostat to "fan" instead of "auto."

### ***Testing plan through end of 2020***

We have received confirmation that the balance of test results are negative for those conducted between December 14 and 16.

To comply with our current mandates, we tested employees for COVID-19 on Monday, December 21, and will do so again on Wednesday. Residents in our healthcare settings were tested today.

If you think you are experiencing one or more symptoms of COVID-19

- Limit your interactions with others
- Residents should contact me at extension 7314 or Meghan Maple at extension 5563 so we can expedite same-day testing for you here
- Visitors, please stay home

***Thank you for responding thoughtfully and quickly***

Today you received separate correspondence with more information about our progress in getting ready for Smith Village's first clinic day in early January 2021 when Walgreens will be onsite to administer the Moderna vaccine to all residents and employees.

We are very gratified to see such a wholehearted response to signing up to be vaccinated. Send questions to [COVID19SmithVillage@SmithSeniorLiving.org](mailto:COVID19SmithVillage@SmithSeniorLiving.org).

### ***Illinois remains precautionous, stays in Tier 3***

Today, the Illinois Department of Public Health reported 6,239 new and probable cases of COVID-19 today, up significantly from 4,699 announced on Monday, December 21. 

The positivity rate posted on Saturday, December 12, for our zip code, 60643, continued to fall to 6.7 percent from 7.3 percent seven days earlier.

Still for this year's holiday season, Smith Village continues to adhere to all Tier 3 guidelines, which remain in effect.

### ***Continue to exercise precautions***

All residents must

- Wear a face mask—covering both nose and mouth—when leaving their home and when any employee enters their apartment for any reason
- Observe six-foot social distancing in hallways and during any small gatherings
- Wash their hands frequently with soap and water or use hand sanitizer provided at stations throughout our building
- Self-quarantine if they have visited any hot spot designated on Tuesdays by the City of Chicago

All visitors are expected to comply with all these practices and to arrive wearing a mask before they are allowed to enter Smith Village.

Please follow all Smith Village's precautions to abate the spread of COVID-19 within our community. They are guided by directives issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and the Chicago and Illinois Departments of Public Health.

For a timely response, please send your questions and suggestions to us at [COVID19SmithVillage@SmithSeniorLiving.org](mailto:COVID19SmithVillage@SmithSeniorLiving.org) so the appropriate Smith Village staff member can respond directly to you.

*Merry Christmas!*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marti Jatis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Marti Jatis  
Executive Director