



May 5, 2020

Dear Smith Village Family,

This update every Tuesday provides a way to keep you informed about the status of our residents and staff who have been tested for COVID-19, and details information about those who diagnosed positive or negative, as well as those who have recovered. We also post this letter at SmithVillage.org.

This letter also affords an opportunity for us to update all residents, families and staff about our ongoing mitigation strategies related to COVID-19 and any related impact on the normal operations within our community.

Today, I am sharing the current status regarding testing for 225 residents who now have been tested. We are grateful that Smith Village can report that 193 of residents' tests indicate they did not have COVID-19. Please join me in mourning the passing of 10 of our residents.

<i><b>Residents</b></i>	<b>Total Tested</b>	Current Positive Diagnosis	Current Negative Result	Recovered	Deceased
Skilled nursing care	<b>55</b>	13	31	8	9
Assisted living	<b>66</b>	0	58	1	1
Independent living	<b>104</b>	1	103	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>

When a resident tests positive and moves to our established COVID-19 isolation unit housed in the skilled nursing wing, we record that positive diagnosis for that resident's current location.

Today, 13 residents, including some assisted living residents who had tested positive, are now being cared for in our isolation unit. One person is quarantined and recuperating in that person's independent living apartment and, if needed, can be moved to the isolation unit.

<i><b>Employees</b></i>	<b>Total Tested</b>	Current Positive Diagnosis	Current Negative Result	Recovered and now at work	Deceased
	<b>203</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>

Of the 37 staff members who tested positive, 21 staff members have recovered and returned to work, in accordance with CDC guidelines, and 16 are recovering at home.

As our first priority, we always communicate immediately with residents and their families as well as with employees when we receive a positive test result. If and when a resident or employee may have had a known, direct exposure, we also notify them directly.

As we share this information, please know that Smith Village observes all HIPAA regulations. And we encourage you to respect the privacy of every resident and staff member.

We have completed testing for residents and employees who requested it, whether or not they had symptoms. Going forward, Smith Village will schedule a test when it is needed or requested. We believe taking this evidence-based approach makes it possible to identify asymptomatic individuals and to reduce the likelihood of transmission.

Smith Village has a designated area within our community for residents diagnosed positive with COVID-19. Also following recommendation of the CDC, CMS and local health authorities, our staff continues to wear full-PPE, including gowns, masks, goggles and face shields when inside our COVID-19 designated area. As you have likely seen, all staff have been wearing universal face masks for some time.

Smith Village continues to screen all staff members before and during each shift; to restrict all visitors; and to cancel all communal gatherings and field trips. These are just a few of the many guidelines that Smith Village follows to protect the safety and well-being of all residents and staff members.

In addition to this weekly update, we will distribute notices within 12 hours of learning about a new occurrence of the virus for a resident or staff member here as another way to comply with guidelines published by the Illinois Department of Public Health. Like this letter, these notices will include a resident's level of living and confirm appropriate actions were taken.

We remain steadfast in our commitment to adhering to all protocols and practices directed by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Illinois Department of Public Health and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid.

Wednesday, May 6, is National Nurses Day, and this well-deserved recognition continues through May 12. Please join me in praising and thanking Smith Village's team of amazing nursing professionals who demonstrate each day what it means to know how to care for others.

***Progress Report: Construction***

It is more important than ever that Smith Village continues with its \$23.4 million plan to modernize our skilled nursing care and rehab wing. As you may know, the main purpose of this plan is to provide 66 private rooms and contemporary common areas for people who rely on these services.

Next week, we will resume construction, which was halted on March 13, three days before Governor JB Pritzker issued his stay-at-home executive order.

Because Governor Pritzker designated construction an essential industry and because our general contractor Weis Builders has a specialty in senior living, we are confident the time is right to restart construction.

Although these workers are regarded essential, they are not allowed anywhere inside Smith Village where residents might be.

Phase One construction resumes in two areas:

- Outside at the south end of the Johanson Wing to build a 3-story tower to house state-of-the-art therapy rooms on the first floor and dining rooms on the second and third floors
- Inside the Gregg Wing, which connects the IL Dining Room and Marketplace Cafe completed in 2008, with the skilled nursing care wing built in 1991

The Gregg Wing has a separate HVAC system. Currently, it is sealed from the rest of Smith Village's building. An entrance is designated for construction workers only. When completed, its second and third floors will provide rooms for skilled nursing care and rehab residents; its first floor, offices and a salon.

All construction workers will follow all CDC and OSHA guidelines, including wearing face masks and observing social distancing on the job site.

Weis Builders will screen all tradespeople, just like Smith Village employees are screened before they begin work onsite. All construction workers will have

no access to any area of our campus where residents may be and will not have any contact with Smith Village residents and staff.

We encourage you to use [COVID19SmithVillage@SmithSeniorLiving.org](mailto:COVID19SmithVillage@SmithSeniorLiving.org) as the best way to send your questions and share your suggestions.

A senior staff member will direct your correspondence to the appropriate staff member who will respond directly to you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marti Jatis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "M".

Marti Jatis

Executive Director