



June 23, 2020

Dear Smith Village Family,

We continue to make progress in abating the advancement of COVID-19 at Smith Village. Starting last Wednesday, Smith Village tested 61 residents and 58 staff members. All received negative test results.

For the last two weeks, we had reported one resident in skilled nursing care and one in independent living were yet to achieve negative test results. They are part of the cohort that was tested since last Wednesday and we have confirmed they also tested negative for the virus.

The asymptomatic assisted living resident, who tested positive for COVID-19 when returning to Smith Village after an extended stay with her family, remains quarantined for more than 14 days until we receive this person's most recent test results.

With these outcomes and anticipated results for this week's testing for residents and staff, Smith Village will pass the required 14-day period with no new cases of the virus. This way, we can begin monthly testing in July, instead of weekly, for residents and staff members living and working in the assisted living, memory care and skilled nursing care wings of our community.

More visitors welcomed to Smith Village

Last Friday, the Illinois Department of Public Health published numerous requirements for keeping visitations safe for skilled nursing care residents. I am very happy to report Smith Village will open for families to visit skilled nursing care residents starting Thursday, June 25. To meet the standards set by IDPH, we have established the following schedule for these visits

Seven days a week, you can schedule an outdoor visit on the lawn to the west of our main entrance at 113th Place beginning at

9:30am	1:30pm
10:30am	2:30pm

On Thursdays, we offer two more times that start at 3:30pm and 5:30pm.

No more than two people are allowed for each visit. Everyone must wear a face mask, observe six-foot social distancing, wash their hands and take other precautions.

Please call Lisa Madsen at 773-474-7316 to schedule a visit. All visitors will be required to call for a prescreening with Lisa the night before their visit. Meghan Maple still schedules visits with residents in assisted living when you call her at 773-253-5563. And we encourage independent living residents to continue to plan their outdoor visits on our campus.

The Oak Room opens for independent living residents only

Starting on Thursday, June 25, our pub will offer limited indoor and patio seating from 12noon until 7pm on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Mondays. The Oak Room also will serve residents on Sundays from 12noon until 5pm. It will be closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Staying true to what works

As we expand the reopening of our community, we rely on your adherence to protocols and practices designed to abate COVID-19. Our commitment to the well-being of each other motivates our compliance with all practices related to COVID-19 as directed by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Illinois and Chicago Departments of Public Health, and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

To meet these standards, Smith Village continues to

- Screen all staff members before and during each shift
- Restrict all visitors from spending time in our building
- Only plan gatherings for 10 or fewer people

We are heartened to see smiling eyes as residents can finally spend time together and with their families. If you have any questions or suggestions, please write to COVID19SmithVillage@SmithSeniorLiving.org so our senior staff member, who monitors all requests, will ask the appropriate staff member to respond to you.

Very truly yours,



Marti Jatis
Executive Director