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Dear Smith Village Family,

I am very happy to report Smith Village remains free of COVID-19. On Wednesday, July 29, Smith Village tested 102 staff members, 28 residents including routine testing for four people who recently moved into our skilled nursing care wing and 24 independent living residents who requested testing. Every single test result was negative.

Although we remain virus-free, we will test monthly all healthcare residents in assisted living, memory support and skilled nursing care. If a resident or staff member receives a positive test result, it likely will affect the frequency of our testing protocols. This week, Smith Village will test all assisted living, memory support and skilled nursing care residents. All employees working in these areas now are being tested every week on Wednesdays. This current plan complies with the testing protocols mandated by the Illinois and Chicago Departments of Public Health.

Happy to see you enjoying ways to socialize

We are so pleased to see residents enjoying meals and each other's company, albeit at a distance, in both the independent and assisted living dining rooms. Be sure to reserve your time for a meal to help us plan a safe experience. And continue to enjoy our Marketplace Café and The Oak Room.

We observe all precautions. Our staff wears face masks at all times. Residents wear masks until they are seated in the dining room. We promote hand-hygiene. We also are disinfecting all areas of the dining room throughout the day.

We still are working out the details for communal dining for skilled nursing care residents. As soon as it is approved, we will share the details with you.

As the popularity of daily outdoor visits increases, remember to make your reservations as early as possible for visiting in the area designated for residents in each level of living in our community.

While independent living residents and their families make their own plans for outdoor visits in areas reserved for them, we ask other residents and families to reserve your time at least 72 hours in advance by contacting

- Lisa Madsen at LMadsen@smithseniorliving.org or 773-474-7316 for skilled nursing care residents
- Meghan Maple at MMaple@SmithSeniorLiving.org for assisted living residents

Screening all visitors for COVID-19 at the Reception Desk is required by the Chicago and Illinois Departments of Public Health. If you do not pass the screening, you will be asked to postpone your visit. Only family members of residents who are at the end of their life, can enter our building after they are screened for symptoms.

We apply the City of Chicago's list of "hot spots" with a spike in cases of COVID-19 to determine who is required self-quarantine for 14 days if someone visits these destinations. This restriction applies to employees, visitors and residents. Today, Puerto Rico was added to the list of 22 States now considered "hot spots."

Please send to COVID19SmithVillage@SmithSeniorLiving.org your questions and expect a direct response from the appropriate staff member.

Very truly yours,



Marti Jatis

Executive Director