



February 9, 2021

Dear Smith Village Family,

For the first time since November 20, 2020, the City of Chicago returned to Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan. The State's positivity rate has dropped to its lowest point since October 6, 2020. Other metrics—an increase in ICU bed availability and a decrease in the number of people hospitalized with COVID-19—also are factors.

***Dining Room, The Oak Room set to reopen***

In anticipation of progress mitigating COVID-19, Smith Village has planned for residents to enjoy more of what our community offers while complying with all current restrictions regarding a room's mandated capacity.

***Independent living residents***

- Call extension 5430 after 7am daily to make reservations for limited seatings at 4:15, 4:30, 5:30 or 5:45pm in the Dining Room, which opens on Tuesday, February 16, and please be considerate of others by making your reservations only a few nights during a week
- Toast the reopening of The Oak Room starting at 3:30pm on Thursday, February 18
- Welcome guests to your apartment after they are screened by the Receptionist

Please follow all our safety precautions, especially observing social distancing and wearing a mask. Arrive on time for your dinner reservation to avoid waiting in a crowd and, because it's been quite a while, please follow our dress code even on days when "Sunday-best" is not expected. View Channel 64 for dinner specials.

***Assisted living residents***

- On Friday, February 12, treat yourself to a Valentine's Day Hot Chocolate when you hear music playing from our decorated cart
- Join a variety of in-person activities for groups of 10 or fewer residents and continue to enjoy virtual ones promoted on Channel 4
- Schedule virtual and outdoor visits, when weather permits, by contacting
  - Meghan Maple at [MMaple@SmithSeniorLiving.org](mailto:MMaple@SmithSeniorLiving.org) for assisted living residents
  - Lisa Madsen at [LMadsen@SmithSeniorLiving.org](mailto:LMadsen@SmithSeniorLiving.org) for rehab and skilled nursing care residents who also can plan "window" visits

Also, ask our staff to set-up visits on Facetime and other platforms.

We appreciate your generosity to Emilie's Fund and will announce winners of great items donated for *Spread the Love* on Channel 36 on Friday, February 12.



### ***Our second clinic tomorrow***

All plans are confirmed for our second clinic for administering the Moderna vaccine to residents and staff members. Please bring the vaccination card you received at the first clinic so Walgreens can complete it.

Also be sure to stop at our “Kiss COVID-19 Goodbye” area to have your photo taken as you’re making history.

### ***New schedule for testing, results for last week***

This week, Smith Village shifts to weekly testing for all employees on Wednesdays, continues to test residents in healthcare settings on Tuesdays.

During the week of February 1, we conducted 185 tests for employees; 87 for assisted living residents; 40 for skilled nursing care residents; three for independent living residents; and one for a volunteer. All were negative except for two residents in assisted living memory support, who were tested on February 2 and received positive outcomes on Friday, February 5. I am pleased to report both are recovering with little or no symptoms.

If and when residents think they experience one or more symptoms of COVID-19, they should

- Limit interactions with others
- Contact me at extension 7314 or Meghan Maple at extension 5563 so we can expedite same-day testing for you here; independent living residents should contact the Receptionist

### ***Trending to fewer cases in Illinois***

Today, the Illinois Department of Public Health reported 2,082 new and probable cases of COVID-19, up from 1,747 reported yesterday.

### ***In closing***

We look forward to enjoying the company of each other as we open more areas of our community in the coming weeks. Use [COVID19SmithVillage@SmithSeniorLiving.org](mailto:COVID19SmithVillage@SmithSeniorLiving.org) to send questions so we can respond directly to you. We also welcome your ideas and suggestions as we reopen places and programs at Smith Village.

Very truly yours,



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