



February 16, 2021

Dear Smith Village Family,

It's time to enjoy more places and programs as well as visits with all residents. With 215 residents and 129 staff members receiving their second dose of the Moderna vaccine plus 16 residents and 44 staff members, their first dose last Wednesday we further safeguarded our community against the virus. And we faithfully follow all the basic precautions that have become our way of life.

Indoor visits now for skilled nursing care residents

Yesterday, the Chicago Department of Public Health confirmed requirements for visits with skilled nursing care residents. Please visit our website for more specific information about the protocols required by the health department.

- Starting this Thursday, February 18, skilled nursing care residents can welcome visitors in a designated indoor location. Visits will be scheduled by appointment only and certain conditions must be met.
- Mary Beth O'Brien, who now is scheduling all Facetime and in-person visits, can be reached at MOBrien@smithseniorliving.org.

We appreciate your consideration as we arrange common areas to meet all guidelines for indoor visits as well as activities and programs for groups of 10 or fewer residents while we complete the final phase of renovating the 113th Place reception and adjacent areas.

Delay in indoor visits for assisted living residents

At this time, we cannot schedule indoor visits for assisted living residents due to our current COVID-19 status in that building. We hope to meet the health agencies' requirements in the coming weeks and will let you know more as soon as we can.

Testing promotes early detection

During the week of February 8, we conducted 197 tests for 38 for skilled nursing care residents, 60 for assisted living residents, one for an independent living resident and 98 for staff members.

All test results were negative with the exception of one assisted living memory support resident and one staff member we reported when we were notified by our lab last Saturday. Both individuals, who are asymptomatic, are recovering.



If and when residents and staff members 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

Our new schedule continues this week with employees' weekly testing on Wednesdays and testing for residents in healthcare settings on Tuesdays.

All residents

On Ash Wednesday, a 10am service will air on Channel 36. Please listen to instruction about how residents can receive ashes on the floor where they live.

We are grateful to everyone who contributed to the success of this month's Spread the Love benefit which raised \$900 for Emilie's Fund.

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 and make reservations only a few nights during a week so everyone has a turn
- Check the hours of operation posted for The Oak Room

Please follow all our safety precautions, especially observing social distancing and wearing a mask. Arrive on time for your reservations to avoid waiting in a crowd. View Channel 64 for dinner specials.

Assisted living residents

We temporarily are closing the Dining Room and suspending visits due to a resident testing positive for COVID-19 on Tuesday, February 9. We look forward to announcing dates for visits and the Dining Room to open very soon.

- Tune into Channel 4 for current calendars
- Please join numerous activities aired on Channels 95 and 36

Skilled nursing care residents

- Schedule an appointment when your beauty shop opens next week
- Please join several virtual programs presented on Channels 95 and 36

And thank you again for dining in your room as construction in the Johanson Wing progresses.

In closing

As the incidences of new cases of COVID-19 decrease, we are no longer reporting daily results publicized in the media. We have shifted our focus to restoring the vitality of daily life for everyone at Smith Village. Please send them to COVID19SmithVillage@SmithSeniorLiving.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marti Jatis".

Marti Jatis
Executive Director