



June 30, 2021

Dear Residents, Families and Team Members,

We hope this letter finds you safe and well.

For more than 15 months we have asked each and every one of you to follow three important safety protocols in our fight against Covid-19. When vaccinations were not available mask wearing, social distancing, and hand hygiene each played a critical role in keeping ourselves and each other safe. The evidence shows vaccination is the most effective measures to fight this virus. It is not completely over; however, for fully vaccinated residents and team members, life returns more or less to normal; for those unvaccinated the protocols will continue in effect for the foreseeable future. The details for changes as of July 1<sup>st</sup> are as follows:

**Independent Living areas:**

- All fully vaccinated residents, guests, and team members will not be asked to wear a mask in the public areas of the independent communities any longer.
- Fully vaccinated team members or outside care givers providing direct care to a resident are required to wear a mask when providing care in independent living.
- Fully vaccinated guests will be welcome back to the dining room.
- Due to the inability to wear a mask, the swimming pool at Loomis Village will only be open to those residents, team members and guests who are vaccinated.
- Elevators will be open to full capacity. There may be residents who are uncomfortable with a full elevator, please respect the wishes of a person who may ask you to wait for the next elevator.

**Assisted Living neighborhoods:**

Under the guidance of the Executive Office of Elder Affairs:

- All fully vaccinated residents will not be asked to wear a mask any longer.
- All fully vaccinated guests will not be asked to wear a mask any longer
- All team members must continue to wear a mask while in the assisted living neighborhoods.

**Skilled Nursing neighborhoods:**

Under the guidance of the Department of Public Health there are no changes to safety protocols at this time. Everyone must continue to wear a surgical mask, at a minimum. Under certain circumstances more than a surgical mask may be required when entering the nursing center. We will notify you when the DPH makes any adjustments.

We ask that residents and team members respect those who choose to continue to wear a mask even if they are fully vaccinated. There will be many people who are not comfortable going without a mask. Do not assume if someone is wearing a mask they have not been vaccinated.

We have attached a sheet of “frequently asked questions” that we hope can add additional clarity. If we did not answer your question please reach out to your Executive Director or myself.

**We look forward to seeing your smiling faces!!**

**With deep appreciation,**

**Margaret Mantoni, CEO**

**Lori Todd, Executive Director, Loomis Lakeside at Reeds Landing**

**Maureen O'Toole, Executive Director, Loomis Village**

**Louis Iannuccilli, Executive Director, Applewood**

**John Armstrong & Alice Swift, Applewood**

**Janet Veitch & David Heckman, Loomis Village**

**Philip Stadel & Ann McIntosh, Loomis Lakeside at Reeds Landing**

Frequently asked questions:

**Q-** Will guests continue to need to be screened?

**A-** Yes any visitor, vendor, or team member entering the main buildings will need to be screened. However, DPH and EOEA have given the green light and therefore we are eliminating the temperature checks.

**Q-** If I live in a villa or cottage do my visitors need to be screened?

**A-** No provided they do not go into the main building. If you prefer them to be screened for your own safety, you can ask them to do so.

**Q-** Are visitors permitted in all public spaces or just the dining room?

**A-** Guests are welcome in all public areas of the independent and assisted living neighborhoods. Masks are required for those who are not vaccinated.

**Q-** Will we ask for proof of vaccination?

**A-** We will not ask for proof of vaccination from guest or other visitors but the screening tool requires the person to answer the question of having been vaccinated or not.

**Q-** Can visitors come and go through a resident's outside doors?

**A-** The visitor must first come through the main entrance to be screened but once screened they can come and go through the resident's outside door that day.

**Q-** If a resident would like to invite family to dinner and one or more members are not vaccinated due to age or other conditions making them ineligible for vaccination is that ok?

**A-** Unfortunately, they will not be able to dine in the main dining room. It is possible to reserve the private dining room for such an event. This is because the unvaccinated person cannot remain masked while eating.

**Q-** If someone is wearing a mask does that mean that are not vaccinated?

**A-** No! It means either they are not vaccinated or choose to continue wearing a mask for their own personal reasons. Please respect their choice.