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Dear Residents, Families and Team Members,

We hope this letter finds you safe and well.

As we enter the third year of responding to the pandemic, we are writing to share an update to our guidance on masks and other safety precautions.

As we have over the course of the pandemic, we continue to follow guidance from the CDC, Mass Department of Public Health, and The Executive Office of Elder Affairs when establishing guidelines for all of us at the Loomis Communities.

Last week the CDC issued a recommendation that the use of Covid-19 community levels are a new tool to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area. We believe this is a reasonable approach for us to use in the independent areas at Applewood, Loomis Lakeside at Reeds Landing, and Loomis Village. It appears, the COVID-19 Community Level is reported weekly. We believe it will be reported on Friday but since this just started last week please bear with us as we learn more.

Guests: when the county in which the community resides is:

1. "Green or low," fully vaccinated guests are welcome in the dining rooms, and all common areas of the independent portion of the building.
2. "Yellow or medium," we will not be able to accommodate guests in the dining spaces but fully vaccinated guests are welcome in common areas of the community as long as they are wearing a mask.
3. "Red or high," we will not be able to accommodate guests in the dining areas or the common areas of the community.

Masks: when the county in which the community resides is:

1. "Green or low," masks are not required for residents in the independent neighborhoods.
2. "Yellow or medium," masks are strongly recommended for residents.
3. "Red or high," masks are required for everyone.

We will be reviewing mask guidelines for team members and guests on a weekly basis, at this time team members and guest are still required to wear a mask in public spaces (unless eating or drinking).

The levels by county can be found at the following website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>

Applewood and Loomis Village are in Hampshire County, and Loomis Lakeside at Reeds Landing is in Hampden County.

The Department of Public Health and the Executive Office of Elder Affairs has not made any changes to requirements for guests or masking at this time, therefore **there are not any changes in the nursing center or the assisted living neighborhoods.**

With deep appreciation,

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