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Dear Residents and Team Members,

We hope this letter finds you safe and well.

As you are aware, we have seen an uptick in cases across the US and in our neighborhoods. Amherst, Holyoke, Springfield, and Sunderland are among 40 cities and towns that have a high risk for Coronavirus transmission. Any city or town in the “red category” has had 8 or more new daily positive cases of the virus per 100,000 residents over the past 14 days.

Applewood now joins Loomis Lakeside at Reeds Landing in finding themselves in the middle of a red category town or city. This information is troubling, and it makes assessing each person’s risk difficult.

We continue to ask each of us to make the best decisions we can, based on the information we have, for ourselves and our neighbors. We are aware that each person has their own “risk tolerance” which plays into our decisions. Please keep in mind, however, that our decisions impact each other. The news has given us many examples of how easily and quickly the virus can spread. Always err on the side of caution. If you invite visitors into your home, please do so carefully and safely.

Be extra diligent when venturing out into the greater community where the higher risk exists, and skip any unnecessary trips to areas designated as a red zone.

We have all worked hard to keep the virus away, now is not the time to get lax, especially given the rising cases around us.

As always for all, masks, social distancing, and proper hand hygiene are essential at all times; and they remain a critical factor in the health and safety of all residents, team members, and guests. Thank you for all you have done over these last several months. It has not been easy, but it has worked.

With appreciation,

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