



Coronavirus continuing update

March 24, 2020

Dear Residents and Team Members,

As we continue to respond to the ever-changing information and guidance surrounding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) the following changes are not made lightly, but are necessary for the safety and welfare of both residents and team members of the Loomis Communities:

Visitors (including contractors, vendors and health care workers)

- Only those individuals providing healthcare and essential support services will be allowed to visit our communities, all other visitors are restricted
- Some exceptions such as end of life visits will be allowed.
- Residents are **strongly** urged to utilize Skype, Facetime, Zoom or similar means to interact with family and friends. Meeting outside to take a walk or conversation is encouraged providing the 6 foot distance is observed.

Residents and Team Members Return from Travel

- In addition to returning from travel by cruise ship, or by air, residents and team members utilizing train, bus, or other long-distance commercial conveyance of travel must self-quarantine for 14 days and seek guidance from their healthcare provider for any other actions.

Resident Gatherings

- Programs or meetings that include only residents and/or team members are limited to **10** and social distancing (6 feet) rules apply.

Loomis Village Pool

- Only Loomis Village residents and team members will be able to use the pool at this time.

We thank you for your ongoing patience and understanding as we work together to minimize the risk to all of us for contracting and spreading the virus. We all play a vital role in honoring the health and well-being of all who live and work at the Loomis Communities. We know that these are very difficult times and want to do everything possible to help us get to the other side of this, and realize how fortunate we are to have each other.

We are of course still following the guidelines set forth by CDC, Governor Baker, CMS, and the Executive office of Elder Affairs in our fight against the spread of this virus throughout the Loomis communities.

Today, Governor Baker issued further restrictions to businesses beginning today, March 24th. Those new guidelines call for all non-essential businesses to close until April 7th. The Loomis Communities are clearly essential businesses and therefore are not impacted directly.

The Governor reiterated the importance of staying home as much as possible and following the social distancing guidelines. Please enjoy each other but do observe social distancing, this is the most important step you can take. We have asked all leaders to remind people to stay 6 feet apart when they observe people being too close to each other. Please remember that hand washing is vitally important as well, including every time you return to your apartment.

We are continuing to screen people as they enter the building in accordance with CDC , Massachusetts Department Of Public Health, and Office of Elder Affairs guidelines as follows:

All team members, vendors/contractors, and healthcare workers must enter through the main lobby entrance and will be screened upon entering the building.

Entrance by those who meet any of the criteria listed below will not be permitted at that time:

- Signs or symptoms of a respiratory infection such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat
- In the last 14 days, has had contact with someone with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, or under investigation for COVID-19, or is ill with respiratory illness.
- International travel within the prior 14 days to countries with sustained community transmission
- Residing in a community where known community-based spread is occurring

All other steps previously taken will remain in effect until further notice.

Please be aware that we are monitoring the situation continually and are responding as quickly as possible

And remember: Tough times don't last, tough people do! We can do this together!!!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact the Executive Directors with questions or concerns.

With appreciation,

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