



May 21, 2020

Dear Residents and Team Members,

I think we would all agree our patience with the restrictions we have all operated under since late March are growing thin. However, while not perfect, and one life lost is too many, we have fared reasonably well so far. Everything we have done and continue to do is meant to keep all those who live and work at the Loomis Communities as safe as possible from COVID-19.

At the same time we have been anticipating a loosening of restrictions for residents of Massachusetts, due to potential exposure to COVI-19, the independent living residents at Loomis Lakeside at Reeds Landing have begun a 14-day period of self-isolation. This is extremely difficult for the residents. The decision was made under the counsel of the state Epidemiologist and our Medical Director and was not made easily. Due to community spread at Loomis Lakeside at Reeds Landing, we are able to access testing for the independent residents at the community. This is still not available to residents of Applewood or Loomis Village, unless you experience symptoms that may be related to COVID-19, at which time, you are encouraged to contact your physician. It is important to note that at this time there are no known independent residents, confirmed with COVID-19 at any of The Loomis Communities.

1,114 people were confirmed positive, and 82 additional deaths were reported yesterday, bringing the total confirmed cases to over 90,000 and 6,148 deaths across Massachusetts. While the trends are very positive, the virus has not ended and continues to pose a significant threat to all of us.

Governor Baker's plan, released on Monday May 18<sup>th</sup>, outlined a slow, phased- in approach to restarting the economy and loosening restrictions on social activities over the next several months. While the plan moved from a "stay-at-home" to a "safer at home" policy, Governor Baker urged "people over the age of 65 and those with underlying health conditions, who are at a high risk for COVID-19, should continue to stay home except for essential errands such as grocery shopping and attending to health care needs".

As reported last week, we are in the process of developing a plan for The Loomis Communities in moving forward in a cautious, thoughtful manner that will provide our best opportunity to meld safety with wellbeing.

In the meantime, all current restrictions remain in place. Please make sure to wear a face mask when outside your apartment, wash your hands frequently, and hug and smile at each other from at least 6 feet away. These steps are critical, and we really need your help to protect everyone!

With appreciation,

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