



May 28, 2020

Dear Residents and Team Members,

Midnight of Friday May 29th, marks the end of the self-quarantine period for assisted living residents and Midnight of Sunday, May 31st marks the end of the self-quarantine period for the independent living residents at Loomis Lakeside at Reeds Landing. I can't imagine how difficult this time has been, and we can't thank all of you enough for your cooperation. The resiliency of all residents has been remarkable during this pandemic; those of us who have the privilege to work with you are continually amazed.

The testing of the independent residents at Loomis Lakeside at Reeds Landing was completed, one resident is confirmed positive and 89 confirmed negative.

In an article written by Atul Gawande, a highly respected physician at Mass General and whose mother lives in a community like Loomis in Eastern Mass, he outlines four key ingredients in what he believes is the best treatment to stopping the virus. He believes that **hygiene measures** (hand washing), **screening** (as well as keeping your log), **distancing, and masks** are the necessary components to the treatment. He goes on to say that unless all of the measures are taken together, and taken seriously, we will not shut down the virus. We all want to shut down the virus and get back to living our lives, so let's keep doing these things!

Please continue to fill out the self-tracking logs. Your ability to identify anyone who may have been exposed, should you confirm positive for COVID-19 enables that person to receive appropriate guidance from his or her healthcare professional, and eliminates the need to self-quarantine an entire group of residents who may not have been in contact with you. Contact is being within 6 feet of someone for more than 15 minutes.

As we have been reporting, we are in the process of developing a plan for re-opening The Loomis Communities that will move us forward in a cautious, thoughtful manner, intended to provide the best opportunity to meld safety with wellbeing. The first step of the plan is to re-open the beauty salons. Our target date is June 15th. Beauty salons located in Massachusetts have specific requirements that must be followed, and we must also follow those requirements as a licensed beauty shop. In the next few days, a separate document will be sent to all residents outlining the new procedures for using the salons. We are working closely amongst ourselves and with our state and national associations to learn how others are approaching these difficult decisions. We also continue to be guided by the CDC, DPH, and our Medical Director throughout this process and will keep you informed as we know more.

We understand there may be some confusion around visitors. Visitors will continue to be welcome outdoors but not inside the buildings at this time. Residents and visitors are reminded to wear their masks and practice social distancing. Visits should be kept short, no longer than an hour or so. Communities have found visits longer than this begin to risk improper wearing of facemasks, getting too close together, and the potential need for a restroom. We appreciate your understanding.

With appreciation,

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Craig Johnsen, Executive Director, LLRL

Maureen O'Toole, Executive Director, Loomis Village

John Armstrong, Applewood resident

Nancy Eddy, Applewood resident

Carolyn Hoyt, Loomis Village resident

Dan Marx, Loomis Lakeside at Reeds Landing resident

Ann McIntosh, Loomis Lakeside at Reeds Landing resident

Janet Veitch, Loomis Village resident