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Dear Residents, Families and Team Members,

We hope this letter finds you safe and well.

We are all looking forward to wrapping up the Covid vaccine clinics at all three of the communities by the end of the month. While not without bumps, the clinics have gone very well, vaccinating over 700 people! We are extremely fortunate to have been able to offer this opportunity to all residents and team members of the Loomis Communities. We see daily news reports of the difficulty people are having in finding access to a vaccination – we are truly lucky.

Many of you are asking: now that I am vaccinated what changes? Unfortunately, at the moment we need to continue with our current practices. Mask wearing, social distancing, limitations on gathering sizes, and hand hygiene continue to be critical. As we know, it is possible to contract, and possibly spread COVID even after being vaccinated, making the other safety protocols still necessary. Per the CDC website: “It’s important for everyone to continue using all the tools available to help stop this pandemic as we learn more about how COVID-19 vaccines work in real-world conditions. Cover your mouth and nose with a mask when around others, stay at least 6 feet away from others, avoid crowds, and wash your hands often”.

That being said, we understand that everyone is anxious to begin opening up for more opportunities to be together with family, friends, and each other. If everything continues to improve across the state, and we do not have any outbreaks it is our plan to:

- Re-open the dining rooms on or around March 15th. This will provide for the two weeks after our final vaccination clinics. The guidance suggests it takes a couple of weeks after the second dose of the vaccine before we have maximum protection. When we re-open the dining rooms we are still required to follow the guidelines of being 6 feet apart both at the tables and between tables. You will hear more about signing up for in-person dining or the continuation of delivered meals from Patrick, Nathan, or Thomas as we get closer to the date.
- As far as visitors in independent or assisted living apartments, we ask that you continue limiting it to 1-2 visitors at each visit, based on social distancing ability. We also discourage dining together with visitors since it requires mask removal. As always, visitors must be screened upon entering the building and go directly to your apartment.

We are all frustrated with the pandemic and its disruption to our lives, but we have done a great job keeping the virus to a minimum at the Loomis Communities. We are hopeful that restrictions will ease soon but must follow the advice of the CDC and the epidemiologist. Thank you for all you are doing.

With deep appreciation,

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