



November 24, 2021

Dear Residents, Families and Staff Members,

As we count our blessings this Thanksgiving Day, please join me in expressing gratitude for how our community collaborates to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, which remains a threat to the health and well-being of so many people we cherish.

Among my reasons to say “thank you” to so many are

- Our residents and staff members achieving the highest possible level of being a fully vaccinated community by taking the vaccine and booster shot in our clinics on campus or receiving their immunizations elsewhere
- Our thoughtful friends at SXU Health Center and CVS who manage all our clinics

I also want to spotlight why we have succeeded in abating the advancement of the virus in our community—even though we are located in Chicago’s top hotspot for high transmissions of COVID-19. To sustain our ability to welcome guests here, please follow these precautions.

- Be mindful that even fully vaccinated individuals who have had their booster shot can still transmit or catch the virus. Please continue to wear a mask, wash your hands frequently and observe social distancing.
- Be vigilant about how even mild symptoms might not be the flu or a cold but indicate you have contracted COVID-19
- Be thoughtful when experiencing any symptoms that may be associated with the virus by staying home and postponing any visits to our community, by not leaving your residence or by not coming to work
- Be proactive regarding taking a rapid test by
  - Asking the receptionist if you are an independent living resident
  - Contacting the nurse in your area if you live in a healthcare setting
  - Asking your supervisor to schedule one immediately before starting work

Please call me at 773-253-3627 if you have any questions or suggestions.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Frances Lachowicz

Executive Director