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To: Augsburg Residents and Families
From: Rusty Mitchell, Executive Director
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THE VILLAGE AT
AUGSBURG
A National Lutheran Community

It is hard to believe we have reached the final week of such a crazy year. I am thrilled to be on board at The Village at Augsburg, and look forward to guiding our community through the remainder of the pandemic. Earlier this week, I got to meet many residents and team members at our first vaccination clinic.

Augsburg has not received a positive COVID-19 test result for two weeks and we are out of outbreak status. Pending no positive test results this week, we are preparing to ease restrictions at all care levels to allow for limited in-person activities (ten people or less) and limited communal dining. While participating in group activities, all residents will remain masked and socially distanced.

Realistically, I expect we may see some positive COVID-19 test results after the Christmas and New Year's holidays, which means though we are prepared to ease restrictions, we may have to pivot back to outbreak status. Please remember the best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is to follow all the things we know work: wear a mask, practice social distancing, wash your hands regularly (or use hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available) and avoid touching your face. It is important to remember that the vaccination requires two doses, and then takes an additional two to three weeks before it is effective, so we all must remain diligent in our infection control practices. We are also uncertain of when our regulating bodies will allow us to return to normal, even when the majority of our community is vaccinated.

As we head into the New Year, I hope each of you will feel a sense of hope. We know there is a light at the end of this tunnel; we just have to remain diligent over the next few months as the country aims to get as many people as possible vaccinated. I have already seen how dedicated the team members and residents are to each other and this community. We will come out of this stronger, and I am proud to be a part of it. I look forward to meeting and getting to know each of you. Thank you so much for your partnership and prayers.

To schedule a window or virtual visit with your loved one (please note, you do not need to sign up if you just want to make a phone call):

Assisted living: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/assistedlivingvisits>

Skilled nursing: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/familysignupjan2021>

All Path Forward updates can be found online at www.thevillageataugsburg.org/pathforward.

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