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To: Augsburg SNF and AL Residents and Families
From: Rusty Mitchell, Executive Director
Subject: Path Forward Community Update



THE VILLAGE AT
AUGSBURG
A National Lutheran Community

It has been an exciting couple weeks at Augsburg as we have welcomed families back into the community and resident's rooms for visitation. This has been a welcome change for residents and we are so happy to see families gather this way.

Our community remains free from COVID-19. We continue to ease restrictions internally, allowing for vaccinated residents to gather without masks and to enjoy communal dining.

As the country and our community continues to make strides in overcoming the COVID-19 pandemic, we have evaluated the need for continued weekly communication and have decided to move forward with communication on an as-needed basis. Our hope is we will not continue to have outbreaks of the virus, but if we do, you will be notified immediately. We will also keep you informed of changes as we reach points that we can ease visitation and masking guidelines further. We are always available for questions and you may call the community with any questions or concerns you have.

Last week we received a few questions about animals visiting assisted living and skilled nursing residents. We are prepared to start allowing animal visitors while following the below guidelines.

- At this time, we are only allowing visits from dogs or cats.
- The dog or cat must be pre-approved by The Village at Augsburg before they are permitted in the building.
- Vaccination records must be provided. If vaccinations are out-of-date, specifically rabies, the animal will not be permitted to be in the community.
- When submitting vaccination records, we also request you submit a photo of the animal for our records.
- All animals must be on preventative medicine for fleas and ticks.
- All animals must be kept on a leash or in a carrier. If you are in a visitation area and other families are present, the animal may not be removed from the carrier unless it is also on a leash.
- In accordance with our current visitation policies, visitors must remain in their loved ones room or visitation area, and not wander around the community. This applies to pets as well. All pets are to remain in the resident's room or approved visitation area for the duration of the visit.
- For resident's safety, we ask only well-trained dogs visit the community. Many residents are vulnerable to falls if an animal jumps on them. This is especially important if you have a large dog.
- Any animal may be barred from visiting if these guidelines are not followed.
- Vaccination records and photos may be sent to Nancy Ernest at nernest@thevillageataugsburg.org.

You may schedule an **assisted living** visit here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/assistedlivingsuitevisits> or a **skilled nursing** visit here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/snfvisitsinroom>

All updates may be found online at: <https://www.thevillageataugsburg.org/covid-19-updates/>

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