



Montgomery Place

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SUBJ MONTGOMERY PLACE ANNOUNCES NEW DINING OPTION
DURING THIS TIME OF COVID-19

Dear Friends and Family,

“Let’s do lunch.” “Join me for dinner?” We haven’t uttered or even heard these words for six months! Breaking bread with friends is probably the number one thing I miss. While it’s partly about the food, it is much more about the conversation and gathering of friends.

In this time of COVID-19, there is a strong desire to find ways to dine out and commune with friends over dinner. But doing so safely concerns many people. Chicago restaurants have opened outdoor dining with social distancing, and some offer limited indoor dining.

Guidance is in place for senior living communities as they are gradually reopening their dining venues as well. At Montgomery Place, we are ready to begin offering indoor dining as an option beginning on Monday, August 10, 2020.

To prepare the Dining Room, we have removed about 50 percent of all the tables. Protocols for the Dining Room include corporate procedures designed to reduce the risk of exposure. Plexiglass screens are installed between guests at a table. All linens will be removed and replaced between settings, and condiment containers will be sanitized between settings. Time limits for meals are set to reduce windows for exposure. Masks are required except when someone is actually eating. But most importantly, residents are NOT being required to use this dining option.

Carryout and delivery for meals are still available. The same menu is available so everyone has the same choices for food. Opening the Dining Room expands our offerings for those who want to participate. Many people may not be ready to try this option. We respect those decisions and will continue to provide meal options at the Café and with carryout or delivery from the Dining Room.

You may be nervous about dining together inside. We are, too. It is likely we will make adjustments along the way as we learn how to operate the Dining Room in a totally new way. Watch us. Evaluate how this experiment works. Help us as we venture into this COVID-19 world of dining experience. Someday I hope you will say to a friend, “Let’s do lunch.”

NOTE: Initially, dining in the Dining Room is for residents only at this time.

Don't hesitate to reach out if I can answer any questions or be of further assistance. Call my mobile phone number, 773-617-1317, at any time.

Taking the next step, brings us closer to "Let's do lunch".