



TO Residents, Families and Staff Members
FROM Frances Lachowicz 
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SUBJ 12-Hour Notice: Positive Test Result for One Resident

In my weekly letter on Friday, I informed you we were waiting for two residents' test results for COVID-19. We now have received a positive result for one resident who is being treated in the hospital. We have not yet received the other test result for the resident, who is symptomatic and isolated. Please join us in respecting their privacy by observing all HIPAA regulations.

Precautions for skilled nursing care residents

Following the recommendations of the Chicago and Illinois Departments of Public Health, our skilled nursing care wing on the third floor remains under droplet and contact precautions to help abate the spread of the virus.

All residents in this area are required to stay in their room and wear a mask when someone enters their residence. Staff members continue to wear appropriate PPE. On the third floor, our staff implements infection control and prevention measures.

During this period, all skilled nursing care residents are encouraged to watch Channel 8 where they can view daily Mass, participate in activities and exercise classes, and enjoy entertaining programs. Staff members have a variety of books, games and puzzles for residents to also enjoy in their rooms. And, if a family member would like to arrange a video chat with a resident, please call Mary Kate Moriarty at 773-253-3613.

We continue weekly tests for residents and staff members by using a nasal swab procedure. Until further notice, we have suspended outdoor visits.

Compliance with all guidelines and regulations

We always observe all protocols and practices directed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Illinois and Chicago Departments of Public Health, and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. We faithfully monitor all residents and screen all employees to identify early signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and to detect asymptomatic individuals who may carry the virus.

If you have any suggestions or questions, please call me at 773-253-3627.