



Mercy Circle practices designed to mitigate the spread of COVID-19

To ensure the well-being of our residents and staff members, Mercy Circle remains steadfast in our commitment to following the directives of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and the Chicago and Illinois Departments of Public Health.

Some of Mercy Circle's current precautions include

- Monitoring all residents who live in our healthcare settings for symptoms
- Screening all employees at the beginning of and during each shift
- Enforcing the City of Chicago's travel restrictions to "hot spots" that now require a 14-day quarantine upon return from certain States and Territories. The City posts this information every Tuesday and restrictions are effective on Fridays.
- Advocating that all residents only leave the campus for medically necessary appointments
 - Assisted living residents must call Janet Tucker at extension 3650
 - Skilled nursing care residents must call Anita Ajayi, RN, at extension 3664
- Encouraging families and friends to take advantage of compassionate visits with residents whose family member or dear friend has passed away or who is experiencing significant health challenges by contacting the staff members listed above
- Applying all prescreening practices for all healthcare professionals and other essential visitors who enter the building
- Restricting visitors, including volunteers and other non-essential healthcare professionals

As part of our effort to abate the spread of COVID-19, please remember to

- Put on a face mask covering your nose and mouth before leaving your residence and wearing that mask until you return home
- Practice six-foot social distancing in all situations
- Wash hands regularly using soap or sanitizer available at numerous stations
- Avoid all non-essential outings and social gatherings

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