




TO Residents, Families and Staff Members
FROM Frances Lachowicz 
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SUBJ 12-Hour Notice: Positive Test Results for Two Employees

We have received positive results for COVID-19 for one full-time CNA, who works in our assisted living wing but has not been on campus since this past Monday, and one full-time Dining Staff member, who last worked in our assisted living community on this Wednesday. Both are recuperating at home. Please join us in observing all HIPAA regulations designed to protect the privacy of everyone at Mercy Circle.

These test results do not affect our community's status as a CMS Phase Two community, which only changes when a resident tests positive for the virus. So all the activities and amenities that reopened on Monday, September 28, remain in place. Those details were included in my letter last Friday which is posted on our website.

Compliance with all guidelines and regulations

To comply with all regulations published by the Chicago and Illinois Departments of Public Health, we continue to test weekly all residents who live in our healthcare settings and all employees who work on our campus.

As of today, we have received results for 94 of 107 employees and all assisted living and skilled nursing care residents, who were tested on Monday, September 28. All residents received a negative result. We still await outcomes for our remaining staff members tested at the beginning of this week.

We are heartened by the progress our community has made. Still, we renew our commitment to comply with all the precautions that protect our residents, staff members and visitors.

We 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 concerns, suggestions or questions, please call me at 773-253-3627.