




TO Residents, Families and Staff Members
FROM Frances Lachowicz 
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SUBJ 12-Hour Notice: One Staff Member Test Positive for COVID-19

This morning, we learned a CNA, who last cared for skilled nursing care residents on Thursday, November 19, received a positive result for a test taken here at the beginning of the week of November 16. This person is asymptomatic and now recuperating at home. Please comply with all HIPAA regulations designed to protect the privacy of the individual and everyone living and working at Mercy Circle.

All other 105 employees received negative results for tests they took at the beginning of the week of November 16.

We have not received any of the results for the 41 independent living residents who volunteered to be tested on Thursday, November 19.

Mercy Circle has increased precautions

As you know from my weekly letter yesterday, Mercy Circle has suspended all visits and closed some areas for community gatherings to mitigate the spread of the virus in our community. We also are providing new ways to stay engaged with each other and to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday.

We urge you to reconsider any plans you may have made to leave our campus to celebrate Thanksgiving festivities. We also appreciate how so many residents are carefully following our precautions to abate the virus' spread that include

- Wearing a face mask that covers your nose and mouth
- Practicing six-foot social distancing in all situations
- Washing your hands regularly with soap or sanitizer at numerous stations
- Avoiding all non-essential outings and social gatherings

Compliance with all guidelines and regulations

Mercy Circle faithfully follows 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.

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