



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

Late on Saturday and on Sunday morning, we received positive results for two employees who took COVID-19 tests here on Thursday, November 19.

- One CNA last helped our Baggott Street residents needing memory support on Saturday, November 21, and immediately went home when notified
- One server delivered meals, using our contactless system, to the apartment doors of independent and assisted living residents on Friday, November 20

Both, who are asymptomatic, are isolated at home while they recover from the virus. Please comply with all HIPAA regulations designed to protect their privacy.

As of 1pm on Sunday, less than half the tests which employees took on Thursday and Friday, November 19 and 20, are still being processed. On the other hand, I am pleased to report all 41 independent living residents, who were tested on Thursday, have negative outcomes.

Do your part to protect yourself and others

Please take seriously the threat of COVID-19 and honor the stay-at-home advisory for all Illinois citizens. Mercy Circle has temporarily suspended all visits here with residents. And if you still are thinking about celebrating Thanksgiving Day elsewhere, please reconsider.

We also strongly appeal to you to stay at Mercy Circle and to

- Forgo even small family gatherings elsewhere, including wakes and funerals
- Only leave campus for truly necessary medical appointments
- Rely on online services or ask Marge Everett, extension 3603, or Paul May, 312-397-9041, for help with shopping for groceries, medications and other needs you have
- Contact our Director of Nursing Anita Ajayi, RN at 773-253-3664, who will determine if you should quarantine, when you return after being away for any period of time

According to the CDC, gathering and errands—now identified as super-spreaders—are most likely to be the cause of someone unknowingly infecting others. Please be mindful how your actions can impact others, especially our most fragile and vulnerable residents.

Please call me at 773-253-3627 with your concerns, suggestions or questions.