



December 24, 2020

Christmas Blessings to All!

Dear Residents, Families and Staff Members,

Our fondest wish for each of you is that the joys of Christmas fortify your spirit of faith and hope as we again celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and the faith of Mary.

During 2020, COVID-19 has challenged so many ways we live our daily life and you have responded with wholehearted willingness to do your part. Each time we ask you to adjust your daily routine, we appreciate how you tap your resilience and foster a sense of “we’re in this together.” We cannot ask for a greater gift!

Mercy Circle is at the front of the line!

The numbers tell the story of your collective commitment to protect everyone in our Mercy Circle community

- 98 percent of residents
- 70 percent of all staff members

already have submitted their consent forms

And if you are among those who have not yet completed a consent form, available at the Reception Desk, there’s still time to benefit from the free vaccine if you submit a completed form no later than 12noon on Monday, December 28, 2020.

For our community, that first dose of hope arrives with the New Year! Mercy Circle truly is at the front of the line among the senior living communities in our area.

- On Saturday, January 2, 2021, from 11am until 5pm CVS, our pharmacy partner, conducts its first clinic here when its trained staff will inoculate **all residents and all staff members, who have signed a consent form for the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine**
- On Saturday, January 23, from 11am until 5pm, CVS expects to administer the second dose of the vaccine to everyone who received their first dose on January 2

We do not yet have a date for CVS’ third clinic day at Mercy Circle.

Test results for this week

This week, we used our rapid testing system to expedite our process.

On Wednesday, we tested 59 assisted living, memory care and skilled nursing care residents and all received negative outcomes for COVID-19. All staff members,

who were tested on Monday, also received negative results for the virus. Today, we are completing the second of two bi-weekly tests for all employees.

Christmas festivities

For today and tomorrow, we hope you will join

- Our Christmas Eve prayer service beginning at 2pm that will be broadcast on Channel 8 plus open the door to your residence if you would like to receive Communion that is available to all
- On Christmas Day watch a televised liturgy while Communion is brought to each area of our community between 10:15am and 12noon

Tier 3 stay-at-home advisory remains in place

Everyone, including independent living residents, who do not live in a licensed area of our community, should faithfully follow the practices we have instituted in response to Governor Pritzker's Tier 3 stay-at-home advisory. Please call me at 773-253-3627 with your questions and suggestions.

Together, we welcome the Christ Child into our lives,



Frances Lachowicz
Executive Director