




TO Residents, Families and Staff Members
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SUBJ Results for Today's Rapid Tests
Five Residents, Three Staff Members Tested Positive for COVID-19

Throughout today, we used rapid tests for our community-wide testing protocol to identify individuals who have COVID-19. We also administer PCR tests to anyone who has a positive outcome for a rapid test to eliminate false positives.

Five residents, who have mild symptoms, tested positive including

- Three skilled nursing care residents who are moving to our COVID-19 unit on the skilled nursing care floor
- One assisted living resident
- One independent living resident

We tested employees before they began their shift or when they came to campus to be tested even though it is their day off. The following received positive results:

- One CNA, who most recently helped residents in our memory care wing on Christmas Day
- Two servers, who last worked on Sunday, December 26, in the dining room for independent living residents

Our staff members only return to Mercy Circle in compliance with CDC regulations. Please follow HIPAA guidelines to respect the privacy of these individuals as well as residents and other staff members who are recovering from the virus.

Current ways to slow the spread

During this period of a nationwide surge due to the Omicron variant, Mercy Circle administers rapid tests twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays. We continue to monitor all healthcare residents for symptoms.

Please consider planning virtual instead of in-person visits by calling the Receptionist at extension 3600 for assistance setting up your visit. Follow a low-risk lifestyle and encourage others to do the same.

Call me at 773-253-3627 to discuss your suggestions and to ask your questions.