




TO Residents, Families and Staff Members  
FROM Frances Lachowicz   
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SUBJ One Assisted Living Resident Has Tested Positive for COVID-19

An assisted living resident, who began to experience symptoms of COVID-19, was tested and received a positive result. As a precaution, we tested all other assisted living residents and they had negative outcomes for their tests.

This one resident is recuperating in their apartment and our nursing team is providing support and assistance. You can be confident that all our staff members wear appropriate PPE when caring for this person. Please follow HIPAA guidelines to respect the privacy of this resident, as well as anyone in our community who is coping with a healthcare challenge.

***Practical safety precautions matter***

As the new variant BA 2.12.1 of COVID-19 significantly increases the possibility of easy transmission, you are required to wear a mask in all common areas of Mercy Circle. Also regularly wash your hands and be mindful of how you protect yourself in public places such as restaurants and stores.

Please read and follow Mercy Circle's *Visitor Guidelines* posted on our website. Our community follows all the best mitigation practices relevant to COVID-19 that are recommended by CDC and the Illinois and Chicago Departments of Public Health.

We ask families and other visitors, who may have been exposed to someone with the virus or begin to experience symptoms, to stay home until they are sure they do not carry the virus. Residents and employees, who might experience symptoms or been exposed to someone with COVID-19, should ask the receptionist about a rapid test.

***New way to receive future notices***

We are in the process of streamlining our way of notifying you about new cases of COVID-19 if and when they occur. To receive notices via email, send an email to Sandy Urbaniak at SURbaniak@MercyCircle.org. Please type ADD ME TO YOUR E-LIST in the subject line.

Please take care of yourself and each other. If you have any suggestions or questions, please call me at 773-253-3627.