



TO Residents, Families and Staff Members
FROM Frances Lachowicz 
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SUBJ Two Staff Members Have Tested Positive for COVID-19

This past weekend, two more staff members tested positive for COVID-19.

- A CNA, who reported symptoms upon arriving at work on Saturday, asked for a rapid test, which had a positive result for the virus. This staff member, who did not go to the skilled nursing care area on Saturday, last worked there on Thursday, May 19.
- An LPN, who last worked in our skilled nursing care wing on Friday, May 20, began to experience symptoms over the weekend and got tested elsewhere. This employee called to report a positive test result for the virus.

Both staff members are recuperating at home and only will return to work in accordance with CDC guidelines.

The two residents, who tested positive last week, are recovering. Staff members wear appropriate PPE when caring for them. Today, there are no new cases of COVID-19 among residents to report.

Please follow HIPAA guidelines to respect the privacy of individuals recovering from the virus, as well as anyone who is coping with any healthcare challenge.

Testing continues

We continue to test twice a week all assisted living, memory care, rehab and skilled nursing care residents as well as staff members until we reach 14 consecutive days with no new cases of COVID-19.

If any resident or staff member experiences symptoms or may have been exposed to someone who contracted COVID-19, please ask the receptionist to schedule a test.

Mercy Circle remains open

Although Mercy Circle welcomes guests, we remind visitors to stay home if they think they may present a risk to transmitting COVID-19 to residents and staff members. Residents' current social gatherings, dining programs and Mass in the Chapel continue as part of our daily life.



We expect everyone to wear a mask in all common areas when you are at Mercy Circle. We also urge you to wear a mask when going to shopping centers and public events where there are crowds. And please be especially careful to wash your hands when you return home or to use sanitizer when you register for a visit here.

As we anticipate another escalation in more cases of COVID-19 in Chicago and across Illinois, please read and abide by Mercy Circle's *Visitor Guidelines* posted on our website. We adhere to the best practices, recommended by CDC and the Illinois and Chicago Departments of Public Health, to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

New way to receive future notices

If you would prefer to receive notices via email, send an email to Sandy Urbaniak at SUrbaniak@MercyCircle.org. Type ADD ME TO YOUR E-LIST in the subject line.

When weather is pleasant, consider enjoying each other's company outdoors in one of several areas on our campus. If you have any suggestions or questions, please call me at 773-253-3627.