



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

Earlier today, an administrative team member, who has no direct contact with residents, took a rapid test due to the onset of minor symptoms associated with COVID-19. This manager, who tested positive, immediately went home and will return as CDC standards indicate. Please respect the privacy of this individual by following HIPAA guidelines.

Noticing some mild symptoms associated with COVID-19—fever, chills, headache and muscle aches, coughing and sneezing, fatigue—can be similar to what allergy sufferers experience. So please take a test to learn if you have COVID-19 before being with others.

Mercy Circle remains vigilant

Mercy Circle adheres to guidelines published by the Illinois, Cook County and Chicago Departments of Public Health. One of the essential practices is conducting twice weekly tests to identify as soon as possible asymptomatic residents and staff members, who have contracted COVID-19.

If any resident experiences symptoms or may have been exposed to someone who contracted COVID-19, please ask the receptionist to schedule a test. All staff members know to immediately inform their supervisor.

This way, residents can enjoy all social gatherings, dining programs and Mass in the Chapel. We also follow strict infection control guidelines, and everyone wears a mask in all common areas here. We also recommend wearing a mask when you are in public places with crowds. Observe social distancing when possible. And wash your hands when you return home or use sanitizer when you register for a visit here.

Please stay home if you think you might have COVID-19 or been exposed to someone who does. And before you visit, please read and follow Mercy Circle's *Visitor Guidelines* posted on our website.

If you have any suggestions or questions, please call me at 773-253-3627.