




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

Two members of our administrative team have tested positive for COVID-19. One staff member completed a rapid test at home; a second came to our campus today and asked to be tested. Because both employees worked at Saturday evening's Mystery Dinner Benefit, we have conducted contact tracing by notifying all who attended by text and by voicemail.

Currently, both have mild symptoms and are recuperating at home. They only will return in compliance with CDC standards. Please respect their privacy by following HIPAA guidelines.

Mercy Circle remains vigilant

Please be mindful of any COVID-19 symptoms, no matter how mild they may seem—fever, chills, headache and muscle aches, coughing and sneezing, fatigue—that you experience. If you are a resident experiencing such 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.

Our residents currently can participate in social gatherings, enjoy meals together and attend Mass in the Chapel. Before you visit, please read and follow Mercy Circle's *Visitor Guidelines* posted on our website.

Mercy Circle adheres to guidelines published by the Illinois, Cook County and Chicago Departments of Public Health, including implementing strict infection control guidelines. We continue to test all staff members and residents in our healthcare settings twice a week. Independent living residents also will be tested this week.

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