



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

Today, all residents were tested for COVID-19. Three independent living residents and one assisted living resident received positive outcomes for the virus. Two independent living residents are asymptomatic and two other residents have mild symptoms associated with COVID-19.

All are recuperating in their residences. Staff members, who assist them, are following all protocols for wearing PPE and properly disposing of those items. Please follow HIPAA guidelines to respect the privacy of anyone coping with any circumstance related to health.

***Mercy Circle reflects broader community***

On Tuesday, June 7, the Chicago Department of Public Health presented a summary of the City's statistics reported during the past seven days. Chicago remains in the "high risk" category, according to CDC's community levels index. CDPH indicated, however, there is a slight decrease in the number of new cases.

*Still caution is our byword.* Ask for a rapid test if you begin to feel symptoms associated with the virus or think you were with someone who may have COVID-19. Residents should call the receptionist to plan a time for a test; staff members should inform their supervisor.

While residents are required to wear a mask, they are encouraged to join in social gatherings, dine together and worship in the Chapel. Visitors are welcome, but before they arrive should read Mercy Circle's *Visitor Guidelines* posted on our website and comply with them.

Mercy Circle follows guidelines, including those for infection control, published by the Illinois, Cook County and Chicago Departments of Public Health. Twice a week we test all staff members and residents in our healthcare settings.

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