



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

A staff member, who works in both the independent and assisted living dining rooms, received a positive outcome for COVID-19 during a routine test at the beginning of the person's shift on Thursday, June 9.

This employee immediately left for home to recuperate, and only will return in compliance with CDC standards. Please respect this person's privacy by following HIPAA guidelines.

Today, we completed testing for all first and second shift employees. None had positive results for the virus.

***Mercy Circle reflects broader community***

At Mercy Circle, rapid tests are readily available if you feel symptoms associated with the virus or may have been with someone who has COVID-19. Residents should call the receptionist for a test; staff members should inform their supervisor.

Residents are required to wear a mask when they participate in social gatherings, dine together and worship in the Chapel. Please observe social distancing and regularly wash your hands too. Visitors are welcome, but 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. Currently, we are testing all staff members and all residents in all levels of care.

The most recent report by the Chicago Department of Public Health indicates that our zip code has an 8 percent positivity rate, higher than the citywide average of 5.8 percent. Even when you travel close to home, please remember Chicago remains in the CDC's "high risk" category. So please be mindful of how your responsible actions also can help protect our most vulnerable residents.

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