



TO Residents, Families and Staff Members
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SUBJ One Independent Living Resident and One Staff Member in Skilled Nursing Care Have Tested Positive for COVID-19

One independent living resident, who was asymptomatic, participated today in our current testing protocol and received a positive outcome for COVID-19. Also on Monday, one asymptomatic CNA, who was working today during the day shift in our skilled nursing care community, discovered having COVID-19 when tested as part of our twice-weekly protocol.

Both are recuperating in their home. This employee only will return to work in compliance with CDC standards. Will you please respect their privacy by following HIPAA guidelines?

We continue to monitor all staff members by administering rapid tests two times each week. We also test all assisted living, memory care, rehab and skilled nursing care residents on Wednesdays.

Once our community achieves 14 consecutive days with no new positive test results for both residents and employees, we again can adjust our testing regime.

Protect yourself and others

Cook County is one of 12 counties in Illinois with a high level of transmission for COVID-19. So please be mindful of protecting yourself and those who live and work here by wearing a mask in public areas; observing social distancing when possible; and washing your hands when you arrive at Mercy Circle.

At Mercy Circle, we currently serve meals in the dining room; schedule social events and activities; and attend Mass in the Chapel. Please observe all basic precautions when you join any gathering. We welcome visitors to read Mercy Circle's *Visitor Guidelines*, which are posted on our website, before they plan to visit our community.

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