



TO Residents, Families and Staff Members

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SUBJ Two Independent Living Residents Tested Positive for COVID-19

As part of our current protocol, we administered today tests to all independent living residents. Two independent living residents, who had begun to experience mild, cold-like symptoms, tested positive for COVID-19. Both immediately began isolating in their apartments until they recover. Please follow HIPAA guidelines to respect their privacy.

We continue to conduct testing on Wednesdays for all assisted living, memory care, rehab and skilled nursing care residents. And staff members are tested twice a week. Once Mercy Circle achieves 14 consecutive days with no new cases of the virus among residents and staff members, we will adjust this schedule.

Avoid COVID-19 fatigue

The City of Chicago and Cook County have dropped to a medium level for transmission of COVID-19 according to CDC metrics. This improvement should encourage all of us to be faithful to following the basic precautions to protect ourselves and each other against the virus. We recommend 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, who read Mercy Circle's *Visitor Guidelines* 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.