




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

During our routine testing on Friday afternoon, one CNA, who works in our assisted living community, had a positive outcome for COVID-19. Our staff member immediately went home to recover and only will return to Mercy Circle in compliance with CDC regulations.

We are testing all assisted living residents during the next 14 days until we have no new cases of the virus in this area. This week, we also continue to conduct tests for all skilled nursing care and rehab residents as we monitor their status since two staff members and one resident in skilled nursing received positive test results in the previous two weeks.

Be cautious as you enjoy daily life

All residents continue to enjoy meals in the dining room and participate in scheduled social events and activities. They also gather for Mass in the Chapel.

Please continue to be mindful of how easily COVID-19 can be transmitted even when you are fully vaccinated and have received your booster shots. Wear a mask in public areas; observe social distancing when possible; and wash your hands frequently throughout the day and when you arrive here.

In accordance with the guidelines by the CDC, Illinois and Chicago Departments of Public Health, we also test all our staff members and third-party providers twice a week even though they are vaccinated.

All guests are expected to read Mercy Circle's *Visitor Guidelines* posted on our website, before each visit and to register each time they arrive. If you have any suggestions or questions, please call me at 773-253-3627.