




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 scheduled testing for staff members today, one person in our facilities department, who has little contact with residents, received a positive outcome for COVID-19. Our employee immediately went home to recover, and only will return to work in accordance with CDC guidelines. Please respect this person's privacy and that of anyone who is coping with a healthcare challenge.

Testing for early detection

Due to recent new cases in our community, we continue to conduct rapid tests for all staff members. On Wednesday morning, August 10, we will administer tests for all assisted living and memory care residents. During the afternoon, we will test all skilled nursing care and rehab residents. This twice-weekly schedule for testing continues until there are no new cases here for 14 consecutive days.

Be cautious as you enjoy daily life

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

With transmission risks high in both Chicago and Cook County, please reduce opportunities for exposure—even if 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.

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.

Easier way to receive future notices

We are streamlining how to notify you about new cases of COVID-19 when they occur. If you have not already done so, please send an email to Sandy Urbaniak at SUrbaniak@MercyCircle.org. Please type ADD ME TO YOUR E-LIST in the subject line and Sandy will add you to our database.