



TO Residents, Families and Staff Members

FROM Frances Lachowicz

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SUBJ Two Staff Members Have Tested Positive for COVID-19

Two members of our nursing team have positive test results for COVID-19. During our routine testing on Friday afternoon, one CNA working in our assisted living community, had a positive outcome and immediately went home to recover.

On Monday afternoon, a nurse, who works in skilled nursing care, rehab, assisted living and memory care, called to inform us about experiencing symptoms related to the virus on Sunday afternoon and taking a test at home which had a positive result. This nurse most recently worked in skilled nursing care on Saturday, August 6. Both only will return to Mercy Circle in compliance with CDC regulations. Please respect their privacy.

We will administer rapid tests to all staff members as well as skilled nursing care, rehab, memory care and assisted living residents twice a week until there are no new cases here for 14 consecutive days.

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.