



TO Residents, Families and Staff Members

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SUBJ One Resident, One Staff Member Have Tested Positive for COVID-19

On Tuesday, an independent living resident, who began to experience mild symptoms, tested positive for COVID-19 and is isolating in the resident's apartment for the next five days.

Also on Tuesday, a server, who was asymptomatic and working in the independent living and assisted living dining rooms, received a positive outcome for a test administered during our twice-weekly protocol. Our employee, who immediately left to recover at home, only will return to work in accordance with CDC guidelines. Please respect the privacy of these individuals.

On Wednesday, we conducted our scheduled testing for all assisted living, memory care, rehab and skilled nursing care residents. All residents had negative results.

We will continue this twice-weekly testing for healthcare residents and all staff members until there are no new cases here for 14 consecutive days.

### ***Relish companionship at Mercy Circle***

Residents gather for meals in the dining room and participate in scheduled social events and activities. Three times a week, they also attend Mass in the Chapel.

Even though transmission risks now are designated medium for both Chicago and Cook County, please rely on common sense practices to protect yourself and others. Even if you are fully vaccinated and have your booster shots, wear a mask in public areas; observe social distancing when possible; and wash or sanitize 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***

To receive future notices about new cases of COVID-19, 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.