



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

On Tuesday, when a member of our dining services team reported to work, this person asked to be tested due to experiencing mild symptoms. Our staff member, who tested positive for COVID-19 and immediately went home to recover, had no contact with residents. Our employee only will return to Mercy Circle in compliance with guidelines published by the CDC. Please respect this staff member's privacy.

Join Thanksgiving festivities and daily programs

As we gather to celebrate Thanksgiving at Mercy Circle, all activities, programs and amenities remain open. Residents may invite guests for meals by using our reservation system. Mass is offered at 11am on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and at 4pm on Saturdays; families and friends may join residents for these liturgies.

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 are not feeling well because you have symptoms associated with COVID-19 or think you might have the flu, please stay home until you no longer have symptoms.

Vigilance in response to two recent cases

In compliance with current guidelines from the Chicago Department of Public Health, Mercy Circle will test all staff members for the next two weeks.

In an abundance of caution for members of our skilled nursing care community, we tested all long-term and short-term rehab residents as well as staff members who work in this area. Last week, all had negative results for the virus. We will continue to test these residents and employees for one more week.

If you experience any symptoms or have been exposed to someone who has the virus, please ask the receptionist to arrange for a COVID-19 test.

We appreciate your sustained cooperation by washing your hands regularly and wearing a mask in common areas. We are grateful that people have received their booster shots.



The Cook County and Chicago Departments of Public Health have reduced to low the risk level for COVID-19. We should be mindful, however, the Illinois Department of Public Health yesterday reported 2,103 new cases, an increase when compared with 1,862 new cases reported on Tuesday, November 15.

Register to receive future notices

Please send an email to Sandy Urbaniak at SUrbaniak@MercyCircle.org if you would like to receive future notices via email. Type ADD ME TO YOUR E-LIST in the subject line so Sandy can include you in this database.

If you have any suggestions or questions, will you please call me at 773-253-3627?