



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

On Saturday, a dining services team member, who suspected experiencing symptoms associated with the virus, asked to be tested when reporting for work in the rehab and skilled nursing care communities. We tested our employee, who had a positive result for COVID-19 and immediately went home to recover. This server only returns to Mercy Circle in accordance with CDC guidelines. Please respect this person's privacy.

This server had no contact with residents. Still, we tested all residents in our skilled nursing care and rehab communities, and all had negative outcomes for the virus.

### ***Precautions can make a difference***

The City of Chicago and Cook County again report a "medium" risk level. So, it is essential that all employees, residents and visitors adhere to the basic precautions—washing hands as well as observing social distancing and wearing a mask in public places. Independent living residents, who might have symptoms, should ask the receptionist to schedule a test. Nurses monitor residents in healthcare settings.

Transmission levels are increasing not only for COVID-19 but also for other pulmonary conditions and the flu. So, there is a triple benefit for doing simple things to ensure the safety of everyone in our community. If you are not feeling well because you have symptoms associated with COVID-19 or the flu, stay home until you feel better.

Mercy Circle also is testing staff members twice a week until there are no new cases detected for two consecutive weeks.

All guests are required to follow Mercy Circle's *Visitor Guidelines* posted on our website before each visit and to register each time they arrive.

### ***Daily life continues here***

Residents are encouraged to enjoy all the activities, amenities and services available to them at Mercy Circle.

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