




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

Today, a dining services team member, who is asymptomatic, received a positive outcome during Mercy Circle's current rapid testing protocol for all staff members. This employee, who has no direct contact with residents, immediately left our campus to recuperate at home, and only will return to work in compliance with CDC guidelines.

On Sunday, an assisted living resident began to exhibit symptoms and was hospitalized. On Monday, we learned this person had a positive result for COVID-19. This resident is recuperating in the hospital.

Please respect the privacy of these two individuals.

On Wednesdays, Mercy Circle will test all assisted living residents this week and next. We also are testing staff members twice a week until there are no new cases detected for 14 consecutive days.

***Recent cases remind us to be prudent***

This is the third incidence of COVID-19 for members of our community since just before Thanksgiving Day. And, as you know, both the City and County have elevated the risk level for transmission to medium.

Please follow simple practices which can help us keep the virus out of our community. Wear a mask in common areas here and in public spaces. Wash your hands often. Observe social distancing.

Independent living residents, who suspect they have symptoms, should ask the receptionist to schedule a test. Nurses monitor residents in healthcare settings.

If you are not feeling well because you have symptoms associated with COVID-19 or the flu, stay home until you feel better.

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.



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While they observe these practical safety protocols, 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.