



TO Residents, Families and Staff Members
FROM Frances Lachowicz 
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SUBJ One Independent Living Resident Has Tested Positive for COVID-19

When an independent living resident began to experience mild symptoms late on Wednesday, this person asked the receptionist to schedule a test for COVID-19. With a positive test result, our resident immediately began to isolate in the person's apartment. Mercy Circle will deliver meals and assist our resident as needed. Please respect the privacy of residents and staff members currently recuperating from COVID-19.

We are grateful to this resident for being proactive. As you know, Mercy Circle faithfully follows all infection control guidelines. Our staff members wear appropriate PPE when caring for residents with COVID-19 and properly dispose of it.

With our current precautions in place, we still encourage residents to enjoy all that Mercy Circle has to offer.

Testing to contain transmission

Until Mercy Circle achieves 14 consecutive days with no new cases of the virus, we will test all skilled nursing care, rehab and assisted living residents every Wednesday. And twice a week, we test all staff members.

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

Please do your part to minimize the number of cases in our community: Wash your hands often. Wear a mask in common areas here. Observe social distancing.

With media reporting on CDC's news of a "triple-demic," also exercise caution about being in any risky situations or crowds where you might encounter people with the flu or contagious pulmonary viruses. Today, the Cook County Department of Public Health announced there were 1,314 new cases of COVID-19 reported on Wednesday.

We ask guests, who are experiencing symptoms related to any kind of transmissible virus, to stay home. When guests arrive at Mercy Circle, we screen them. Before arriving, they should review the current *Visitor Guidelines* posted on our website.

Please call me at 773-253-3627 if you have any questions.