



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

On Wednesday, a member of our environmental services team began to experience symptoms associated with COVID-19. Our employee requested a test, which confirmed the virus. This person, who had no direct contact with residents, immediately left for home to recuperate and only will return to work in accordance with CDC guidelines. Please respect this staff member's privacy.

Also on Wednesday, we completed testing for all skilled nursing care, rehab and assisted living residents. All results are negative for COVID-19.

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

***Vigilance key to containing spread***

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

While Cook County and the City of Chicago continue to report transmission levels as "medium," please be mindful that some of our residents are among the most vulnerable to a variety of viruses. The number of new cases in Cook County has plateaued for the last several days. Wednesday's new count at 1,274 is above the seven-day average of 1,199 new cases.

If you are not feeling 100 percent, please stay home. Guests are expected to review and comply with our current *Visitor Guidelines* posted on our website. When guests arrive at Mercy Circle, we screen them.

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