



TO Residents, Families and Staff Members
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SUBJ Two Staff Members Have Tested Positive for COVID-19

On Thursday, a healthcare staff member, who participated in our regularly scheduled testing process, had a positive outcome for COVID-19. Also on Thursday, an EVS employee, who began to experience symptoms, asked to be tested when arriving for work; this staff member also had a positive test result.

Both immediately left for home to recover and only will return to Mercy Circle in accordance with CDC guidelines. Please respect their privacy.

Enjoy but be careful during Christmastime

We encourage residents and staff members, their families and friends to avoid situations where they might be exposed to COVID-19, the flu or RSV. Please practice the basic precautions, which have become part of our daily life, to contain these viruses: Wash your hands often. Wear a mask in common areas here. Observe social distancing.

If you are not feeling 100 percent, please stay home. And be mindful of how the current harsh weather might also cause additional threats of falls and challenges.

Guests are expected to review and comply with our current *Visitor Guidelines* posted on our website. When guests arrive at Mercy Circle, we will screen them.

Testing outcomes guide planning for activities, amenities and visits

This morning, all residents in our skilled nursing care, rehab and assisted living communities again were tested. And once again all had negative test results.

With our most recent testing today, we have completed the required 14-day monitoring period for assisted living residents; however, we regularly will check with residents for new symptoms. Due to recent, new cases of the virus in the skilled nursing care area, Mercy Circle will test all those residents during the next two weeks.

Until Mercy Circle achieves 14 consecutive days with no new cases of COVID-19, we also will test all staff members. Independent living residents, who suspect they have symptoms, should ask the receptionist to schedule a test.

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