



TO Residents, Families and Staff Members  
FROM Frances Lachowicz *Frances Lachowicz*  
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SUBJ One Staff Member Has Tested Positive for COVID-19

Today, a server, who had no symptoms and was working in our dining room for assisted living residents, received a positive outcome for COVID-19 when tested as part of our current protocol.

This person immediately went home to recover and only will return to Mercy Circle in accordance with CDC guidelines. Please respect this staff member's privacy.

***Testing helps with early detection of the virus***

As a precaution, we are testing all assisted living residents as well as skilled nursing care residents as part of monitoring them for symptoms associated with COVID-19. We ask independent living residents, who suspect they may have symptoms, to ask the receptionist to schedule a test.

Until Mercy Circle achieves 14 consecutive days with no new cases of COVID-19, we are conducting semi-weekly testing for all staff members.

The City of Chicago continues to report a medium level for the risk of transmitting COVID-19. That is why we ask you to continue to practice the smart habits all of us have adopted since the onset of the virus.

Help contain not only COVID-19 but also the flu and RSV by frequently washing your hands often; wearing a mask in common areas here and when you are in large crowds or with people you do not know; and 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.

Residents, please remind your guests to read and comply with our current *Visitor Guidelines* posted on our website, and let them know they will be screened when they arrive at Mercy Circle.

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