



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

During our current testing protocol for staff members on Friday, a therapist, who works with residents in our assisted living, rehab and skilled nursing care communities, received a positive outcome. This therapist had no symptoms and immediately went home to recuperate. This staff member only will return to Mercy Circle in accordance with CDC guidelines. Please respect this person's privacy.

Also on Friday, all rehab and skilled nursing care residents had negative results for their tests currenting planned as part of our monitoring program.

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

Because we sustain our vigilance to identify new cases of the virus, daily activities, programs and communal dining continue for Mercy Circle residents. And we gather in the Chapel for Mass at 11am on Tuesdays and Thursdays; at 4pm on Saturdays.

Until Mercy Circle can report 14 consecutive days with no new cases of the virus, we regularly test all residents in assisted living, rehab and skilled nursing care. We also continue to test all staff members twice a week. Independent living residents, who suspect they have symptoms, should ask the receptionist to schedule a test for them.

Please do your part to minimize the spread of COVID-19 along with the flu and RSV. Frequently wash your hands. Always wear a mask in our common areas and when you are in large crowds or with people you do not know. When possible to do so, please observe social distancing. And, if you are not feeling 100 percent, please stay home.

***Screening provides protection for everyone at Mercy Circle***

Before you plan to visit residents or staff members, please read our current *Visitor Guidelines* posted on our website. Expect to answer questions about your health status and to have your temperature recorded by signing into our easy-to-use Accushield kiosks next to the receptionist's desk.

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