




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

A CNA, who works in the skilled nursing care and rehab community, tested positive for COVID-19 at the start of a shift on Friday. Our staff member immediately went home to recuperate and only will return to work in accordance with CDC guidelines. Please respect this person's privacy.

For early detection, we test residents in healthcare settings as well as all employees until Mercy Circle can report 14 consecutive days with no new cases of the virus.

### ***Return to daily life***

We encourage residents, families and friends to visit residents in the skilled nursing care and rehab community. Dining rooms and activities also have returned to their typical schedules and settings.

Last week, all skilled nursing care, rehab and assisted living residents had negative results for their regularly scheduled tests. And staff members who had previously tested positive, were cleared to return to work at Mercy Circle.

Daily life continues as usual for our independent and memory care communities.

### ***Adhere to best practices—even with low transmission rates***

While both the City of Chicago and Cook County now post low transmission rates, please keep up your guard against the virus. Independent living residents, who may have symptoms, should ask the receptionist to schedule a test for them. All visitors are screened at the reception desk.

Practice these easy ways to protect yourself and each other:

- Frequently wash your hands.
- Always wear a mask in our common areas and in large crowds.
- Observe social distancing.
- Stay home if you are not feeling well.

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